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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy today and tonight, high 36, low 18.

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MAGIC VALLEY



Local artists: Local artwork featuring images of Twin Falls will be displayed downtown through mid-December.

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Your WeekEnd: No need to be bored. A new weekly feature has plenty of ideas of what to do and see during the week-end.

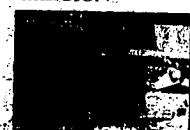
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Balance sheet: Ameristar Casinos reported record revenues for the third quarter but said the sale of a Las Vegas property means a per-share loss.

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Mini-Cassia area has a new Christian education instructor.

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Title try: Hagerman High's football team played Mackay for the Class A-4, 11-man state championship at Holt Arena Friday night.

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Look ahead: President Clinton address the nation in Vietnam.

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COMING SUNDAY

Democrat woes: What does the minority need to compete with the majority?

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Ruling delays vote outcome

Judge Robert W. Lee, a member of the Broward County canvassing board, checks postmarks on an absentee ballot Friday in Plantation, Fla. Texas Gov. George W. Bush increased his lead over Vice President Al Gore to 577 votes, based on some absentee returns.



AP Photo

The Washington Post

The Florida Supreme Court intervened dramatically Friday in the nation's tangled presidential election, ordering Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris to withhold certifying the results until the court rules on Vice President Gore's legal challenges to her authority and the validity of the Florida vote count. The unanimous order blocked a Republican plan to declare Texas Gov. George W. Bush the winner of Florida's crucial 25 electoral votes and the presidency today, and ensured that the identity of the president-elect will not be known

The U.S., county by county - A9

until at least Monday, when the Florida high court has scheduled oral arguments on the Gore legal challenges.

In a simple, two-sentence statement, the court said it was taking the action "to maintain the status quo," but that it was not intended to stop the counting of overseas absentee ballots that were due in Florida by midnight and the manual recounting of ballots in three heavily Democratic Florida counties.

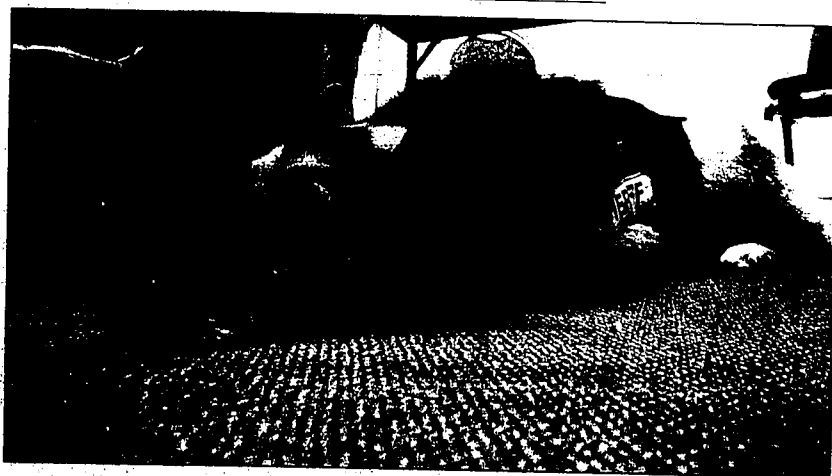
On a day of roller-coaster develop-

ments, the Supreme Court order instantly transformed the legal, political and emotional atmosphere surrounding the bitterly contested election. Only hours earlier, a lower court Florida judge appeared to have cleared a path to the White House for Bush, leaving Gore aides to plead for time to make their case before the state Supreme Court and cautioning Bush to "not begin the partying" if Harris went through with her plan to declare the Texas governor the winner today.

Shortly after the court's announcement, Gore appeared outside the vice presi-

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OFF DUTY



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Ukas, a drug dog with the Twin Falls Sheriff's Office, enjoys a few moments of quiet at his retirement party Friday. Ukas has been with the department since 1995.

Retiring drug dog takes time to smell the roses

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After more than 40 years of service — dog years, that is — one of the Magic Valley's most lauded canine officers is calling it quits.

"Ukas," now just shy of 11 years old, and his handler, Matthew Eden, are both leaving the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Family concerns are taking Eden out of law enforcement and to a new job in California.

Ukas, a German shepherd, is going to live with a sheriff's department employee who owns land in Twin Falls County.

"He's going to finally get a chance to retire and play," Eden

said. "He gets a chance to be spoiled."

Ukas celebrated Friday at his retirement party. Despite a gray muzzle, he displayed a puppy-like enthusiasm in greeting each new guest. Even the smallest children were given a wag and a smile.

Ukas' friendly personality has always been his best asset, said sheriff's detective Kelly Matthews, who has worked alongside several of the department's dogs.

"I think one of the biggest testaments to Ukas is all the people he didn't have to bite. When he would show up, people would cooperate."

— Matthew Eden,
sheriff's deputy

"You have to look a long time to find a dog that is easygoing enough to work with children or speaking engagements."

Matthews said, "I've never seen Ukas lash out at anybody unprovoked."

Even so, Ukas could be a tough cop when the situation called for it, Eden said.

"I think one of the biggest testaments to Ukas is all the people he didn't have to bite," Eden said. "When he would show up, people

would cooperate. People don't challenge the authority of a dog."

Ukas was an ace at drug busts, helping to find sizable amounts of methamphetamine on several occasions, Eden said.

But some of his best work was in schools, getting to know students of all ages.

"Once, we had a whole crowd of second-graders fall on top of him. He didn't even move, but he was a little annoyed," Eden said.

Ukas was imported from one of Germany's top kennels, Eden said. The sheriff's department paid \$5,000 for him in 1995, Eden said.

"He paid for himself within the first year."

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Olympic symbol controversy focuses on Temple image

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Olympic chief Mitt Romney would like the Mormon Temple to be the signature shot for TV coverage of the 2002 Winter Games.

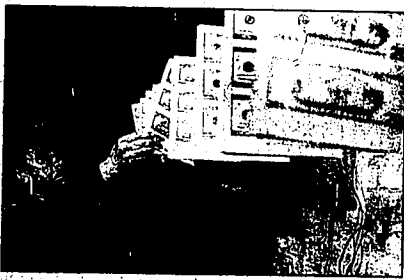
Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson

thinks that would send the wrong message to Utah residents who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He would rather have the focus on a more neutral landmark — the Salt Lake City-City Building.

"Symbolism and iconography are going to

be important," he said. "If the only icon for Salt Lake City is the backdrop for the medals plaza, there will be some real resentment from a large segment of our community. It's a matter of avoiding divisiveness."

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Gen. Alfonso Arrellano of the Colombian National Police examines counterfeit U.S. dollars Thursday near Versailles, Colombia.

Colombia busts counterfeiters who flooded U.S. with phony dollars

The Associated Press

VERSAILLES, Colombia — Its entrance hidden in a thick grove of banana trees, criminals in an underground room cranked out millions of counterfeit U.S. dollars — possibly more than \$1 billion — before police cracked the biggest-ever counterfeiting operation in Colombia.

Displaying ingenuity and daring, the counterfeiters dug out the room in a mountainside of the verdant Andes of western Colombia, lined its walls with cin-

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— Gen. Alfonso
Arrellano

derblock and brought in fluorescent lighting and a printing press. The enterprise ended Thursday with a bust that highlights a problem in a country better known for drug trafficking. According to the U.S. Embassy, one-third of coun-

terfeit money circulating in the United States is made in Colombia. Some \$22 million in Colombian-made counterfeit dollars have been seized in the United States since 1985.

"This, unfortunately, is a national talent, because these are self-trained counterfeiters who produce (money) with a great degree of perfection," national police Gen. Alfonso Arrellano said.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



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Idaho Extremes
Yesterday: High 42° Low 12°
Bull Springs: High 42° Low 12°
Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
Month to date: 0.06"
Normal month to date: 0.16"
Year to date: 7.31"
Record year to date: 8.65"
Humidity: Yesterday at noon: 80%
Barometric Pressure: Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.38 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass: Absent
Weeds: Absent
Trees: Absent
Mold: Absent
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather.
Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Low clouds and patchy fog, then some sun.	Partly to mostly cloudy and cold.	Some morning clouds, then partly sunny.	Times of clouds and sunshine.	Becoming mostly cloudy.	Mostly cloudy.
▲ 36°	▼ 18°	▲ 38° ▼ 18°	▲ 40° ▼ 20°	▲ 42° ▼ 22°	▲ 45° ▼ 25°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Cold weather will continue today. There will be areas of low clouds and fog this morning. But most of the region will have some sun this afternoon. Partly cloudy and cold tonight with areas of fog.

Boise: Low clouds and areas of fog for a while this morning, then mostly sunny this afternoon; still cold. Partly cloudy and cold tonight with areas of fog and low clouds late. Partly to mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: This morning will start with patchy low clouds or fog, but most of today will offer sunshine. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight with patchy fog late. Partly to mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Utah: High pressure will bring tranquil weather today, but there will be areas of low clouds and fog in some of the valleys this morning; most spots will turn out sunny this afternoon.

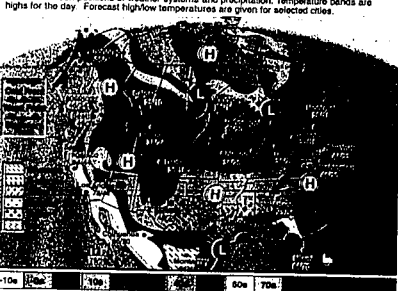
Northern Idaho: Low clouds and fog across most of northern Idaho this morning, then most locales will have some sunshine this afternoon. Partly to mostly cloudy and cold tonight with areas of fog late.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 67° in Miami, FL Low -21° in Shirley Basin, WY

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are recent positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Today	High	Low
Calgary	HI	LO	HI	LO	HI	LO
Edmonton	33	17	35	22	35	22
Halifax	20	13	21	10	21	10
Kelowna	38	28	40	28	40	28
Lethbridge	37	10	38	14	38	14
Montreal	29	13	31	13	31	13
Ottawa	30	10	31	24	31	24
Regina	32	19	33	19	33	19
Saskatoon	32	19	33	19	33	19
Vancouver	48	34	49	34	49	34
Victoria	48	34	49	34	49	34
Winnipeg	24	11	25	11	25	11

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	91	75		91	73	
Athens	72	57	pc	83	52	pc
Auckland	67	47	pc	56	44	pc
Bangkok	85	71	sh	88	62	pc
Beijing	46	34	sh	48	22	pc
Berlin	59	34	pc	66	36	pc
Buenos Aires	88	70	pc	81	59	pc
Calcutta	77	59	pc	78	54	pc
Hong Kong	73	58	sh	78	60	pc
Jakarta	63	48	pc	64	44	pc
Johnannesburg	81	57	sh	77	51	pc
Los Angeles	48	34	pc	45	36	pc
Madrid	75	70	pc	72	60	pc
Moscow	36	23	pc	42	38	pc
Paris	48	43	pc	50	38	pc
Rio de Janeiro	82	73	sh	80	71	sh
Rome	81	48	pc	59	48	pc
Sao Paulo	48	34	pc	54	45	pc
Seoul	72	58	r	74	67	pc
Tokyo	62	57	pc	63	49	pc
Warsaw	50	36	sh	43	38	pc
Zurich	35	27	c	43	39	r

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:33 a.m. Sunset today: 5:13 p.m.

Moons phases today: New Moon

Moons phases tonight: Last

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City	HI	Lo	W	HI	Lo	W
Boise	38	20	pc	40	22	pc
Bozeman	34	19	pc	36	20	pc
Butte	36	19	pc	38	19	pc
Coeur d'Alene	34	22	pc	36	24	pc
Elko	43	6	s	45	7	s
Eugene, OR	48	28	s	50	34	pc
Flagman	37	19	pc	39	19	pc
Idaho Falls	27	18	pc	29	20	pc
Kalispell, MT	36	17	c	36	15	pc
Keweenaw	38	26	pc	38	28	pc
Malad	34	20	pc	36	14	pc
Matta	38	17	c	32	13	pc

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
McCall	28	13	pc	36	4	pc
Missoula, MT	32	21	pc	38	18	pc
Pocatello	32	14	pc	38	12	pc
Portland, OR	48	34	s	52	38	pc
Richland, WA	38	24	pc	38	24	pc
Salmon	28	13	pc	32	15	pc
Salt Lake City, UT	34	22	s	38	24	pc
Seattle, WA	49	35	s	51	39	pc
Spokane, WA	34	22	pc	36	26	pc
Stanhope	34	12	pc	32	10	pc
Starline	30	12	pc	34	17	pc
Yellowstone, MT	26	9	pc	28	7	s

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'Shooting stars'

We may see a 'meteor shower' tonight, Nov. 18, as the Earth passes through a cloud of dust particles.

1 Every 33 years: Comet Tempel-Tuttle, a ball of ice and dust, passes close to the sun; most recent pass was in Feb. 1998

2 A trail of dust is left drifting in space behind the comet

3 Once a year, on Nov. 17 or 18, Earth's orbit around the sun takes it through the dust trail

4 Particles burn up as they enter Earth's upper atmosphere, appearing as a shower of meteors, or 'shooting stars'

To an observer on Earth, the meteors appear all over the sky but appear to come from the constellation Leo, so the shower is called the 'Leonids'

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Clinton vows new ties with Vietnam

But president says look forward, not to the past

The Washington Post

HANOI, Vietnam — A quarter century after the U.S. withdrawal from South Vietnam and six years after he set America down the path to reconciliation with its wartime foe, President Clinton kicked off his historic visit to a united Vietnam Friday by pledging that "a painful, painful past can be redeemed in a peaceful and prosperous future."

In a deeply symbolic visit that began with a red-carpet welcome at the presidential palace, Clinton sought to heal the wounds of war while encouraging the world's last Communist nation to embrace the globalized economy.

Clinton, the first U.S. president to visit this country since the fall of Saigon, promised to "open a new chapter" in the relationship between the two nations, one that he said should be built on freer trade and greater personal freedoms.

In meetings with the country's president and prime minister, and in a speech to a group of university students, Clinton urged



Vietnamese watch a live national broadcast of U.S. President Bill Clinton at Hanoi University in a television shop in Ho Chi Minh City Friday.

the country to undertake more economic and political reforms, saying the changes would lead to a more stable and prosperous society.

Speaking to the students, the president said the time has come for the former enemies "to remember our history but not to perpetuate it, to give young people like you in both our countries the chance to live in your tomorrow, not in our yesterdays." The

speech was broadcast live on national television, the first time the Vietnamese government has accorded such a privilege to a foreign leader.

The three-day visit is viewed by U.S. and Vietnamese officials as the crowning achievement in the halting rapprochement that began in 1994, when Clinton lifted a wartime trade embargo. Since then, the two nations have established full diplomatic rela-

tions and Vietnam has provided full cooperation, according to American officials, in helping to search for the remains of U.S. servicemen still listed as missing in action.

The balmy autumn day was filled with a series of scenes unthinkable 25 years ago: A U.S. president sharing a laugh with his Vietnamese counterpart under a larger-than-life bust of revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh; the Stars and Stripes flying in the courtyard of the three-story presidential palace here; throngs of ordinary people cheering as the president's black limousine, affixed with U.S. and Vietnamese flags, zipped down this city's narrow streets.

Although his arrival on Thursday night received scant advance coverage on television and local newspapers, thousands of cheering people turned out Friday along the routes of his motorcade. Outside Hanoi's temple of literature, the site of Vietnam's first university, which he toured Friday morning, many in the crowd surged forward to shake his hand, some of them shouting, "Hey Bill! Hey Bill!"

In separate private meetings with Clinton, President Tan Duc Luong and Prime Minister Phan Van Khai talked about the war's legacy and their efforts at economic modernization.

Finding MIAs proves a big deal to improve ties

Chicago Tribune

TIEN CHAU, Vietnam — On Nov. 8, 1967, Air Force Capt. Lawrence Evert was last in formation of four jets homing in on their target — a railroad bridge outside Hanoi — when anti-aircraft fire struck the left side of his F-105D fighter-bomber.

"I'm hit hard," the 29-year-old pilot reported, before crashing into a flooded rice paddy within sight of the bridge, where all traces of the plane, and Evert, disappeared.

The war eventually ended with Evert, from Cody, Wyo., listed as missing in action, and his wife and four children waiting for confirmation that he was killed and for his remains to be recovered. They are still waiting.

Now, 33 years after the crash, President Clinton arrived in Hanoi on Thursday night to begin an historic three-day visit

to Vietnam, the first by an American president since the end of the nation's longest and most divisive foreign war, a chance to cast the lives of 58,000 U.S. service personnel over more than 10 years and took the lives of more than 3 million Vietnamese.

U.S. military officials working with the Vietnamese government to find MIAs say they believe they have located Evert's jet and most likely some of his remains. They hope soon to take his name off the list of 1,992 Americans who remain missing from the Vietnam War.

The rice paddy, which a U.S. military-led excavation team has been scouring for three weeks, will be toured by Clinton, along with two of Evert's sons, on Saturday. The visit will be one of several ceremonies in a trip dedicated to remembering the war and redefining America's tor-

tured relationship with Vietnam. This is the first visit by an American president to a unified Vietnam, and as such it is a chance to strengthen diplomatic ties and encourage the communist government to continue pursuing economic reforms. It is also an emotional, politically challenging journey into the past.

The painful legacy of the war for America has meant a slow, difficult healing process that only now has created the opportunity for a U.S. president to talk about the war while in Vietnam. The fact that Clinton opposed the war and avoided military service will make it that much more sensitive.

In a war that divided America so deeply, the search for MIAs has been made a focal point for the trip because it has always been one of the easiest issues on which to find common ground. Few could oppose the idea of the

military bringing home its own and bringing closure to families.

Cooperating to find American MIAs was the original rationale for the United States and Vietnam to begin talking to each other in the early 1990s, and it is still considered by the U.S. government to be the most important and safest barometer for measuring progress in their relations.

Since 1992, the U.S. government has recovered more than 500 sets of remains believed to be unaccounted-for Americans in southeast Asia, spending as much as \$20 million a year on thousands of case investigations.

The search for Evert, in a rice paddy near the railroad tracks in a broad, lush plain where farmers tend beasts of burden, began on Oct. 30 as part of a scheduled month-long investigation of 32 different cases of military personnel who are unaccounted for.

Trade protest turns ugly

CINCINNATI (AP) — A march planned as a silent procession against international trade agreements Friday led to skirmishes between helmeted police and protesters who toppled barricades and broke windows.

At least six people have been arrested since Tuesday, including three charged with rioting, police spokesman Lt. Ray Ruberg said.

He estimated that 350 to 400 protesters gathered to draw attention to the Transatlantic Business Dialogue, two days of meetings involving about 90 corporate executives from Europe and the United States and about 100 international trade officials.

The group is putting together recommendations aimed at easing barriers to international trade. The activists contend that business leaders want to water down rules that protect workers and the environment.

Police turned out in force to keep the protesters away from the conference hotel and the participants' dinner Friday. Hundreds of activists held a peaceful rally outside under the watch of more than 60 helmeted police officers.

Rebecca Smith, 20, of Toledo, a student at Bowling Green State University, said she came to the city to spread the message "that the people aren't going to stand for corporate rule any more."

Report questions FBI's spy equipment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's controversial e-mail surveillance tool, known as Carnivore, can retrieve all communications that go through an Internet service — far more than FBI officials have said it does — a recent test of its potential sweep found, according to bureau documents.

An FBI official involved with the test stressed Friday that although Carnivore has the ability to grab a large quantity of e-mails and Web communications, current law and specific court orders restrict its use.

Nevertheless, privacy experts said they are worried about the breadth of Carnivore's capability and questioned why the FBI even conducted such a test in June if it intends to use the tool only for

narrow purposes.

"That really contradicts the explanation that the FBI has provided as to the purpose of the system and how it works," said David Sobel, general counsel for the Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center. "We've been led to believe that the purpose of Carnivore is to filter and pinpoint the particular communications that the FBI is authorized to obtain. If that's true, then why are they testing the system's ability to store and archive everything?"

Sobel's group recently obtained the FBI documents providing the test results as part of litigation brought under the Freedom of Information Act.

In the lab report, FBI officials

said Carnivore "could reliably capture and archive all unfiltered traffic to the internal hard drive" and could save the information on removable high-capacity disks as well.

Marcus Thomas, head of the FBI's cybertechnology section, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the test was only done to check Carnivore's "breaking point." He said the tool wouldn't be used to capture broad swaths of Internet communications in a real-world situation.

Thomas was one of the FBI agents who approved the lab report. "Certainly, in operation, you could set the filters up to do anything," he said. But our procedures are very detailed, we'll only do what we're allowed to in a court order."

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Washington, D.C., school may punish girl who ate fries in station

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Handcuffed and arrested for eating French fries in a Metro station, 12-year-old Ansche Hedgepeth may now be kicked off her double-dutch jump-rope team or even suspended from school for her snacking infraction.

Administrators at Deal Junior High School set up a conference for next week to discuss those punitive options, said Ansche's mother, Tracey Hedgepeth.

"I couldn't believe they want to punish her even more," said the mother, who questioned how the school's jurisdiction over her daughter's behavior could extend to a Metro station hours after the school day ended.

Deal Principal Reginald Moss said he can't publicly discuss Ansche's case. But he said the school system's regulations stipulate that the administrators have jurisdiction over students when they ride on transportation provided by the school.

Ansche, like many other students, uses a student fare card provided by the school.

Ansche was caught by one of a dozen undercover officers dispatched to the Tenleytown-AU Metro station as part of a week-long crackdown on illicit snacking. The seventh-grader had bought some French fries before riding an elevator into the station about 4 p.m. Oct. 23.

Metro police are unapologetic for the actions, pointing to their zero-tolerance policy. Thursday, when Moss called Ansche into his office, he told her that the handcuffing may have been too harsh. Moss said he tells students that they must go straight home.

"He told me I should have gone straight home and not stopped to buy any food," Ansche said. "He said that's why he wanted to suspend me." But Ansche said she told Moss that she was hungry. She doesn't eat lunch because cafeteria food is "too gross."

"He said I should take some chips or a cupcake and put it in my book bag so I have a snack when I'm hungry. But that means I have to eat it before I go into the Metro."

Moss verified that an administrative conference has been scheduled but said there has been no determination on punishment.

The station in question draws students from Deal, Wilson High School, Georgetown Day and Sidwell Friends.

"It's a matter of supervision," Moss said of the school's vigilance over students away from campus. "You have about 3,000 kids at the Tenleytown station, area every day."

At the beginning of the academic year, Moss said, every parent received an automated card reminding them of Metro's rules. Fliers are sent out throughout the year reiterating the policy.

The principal, who assigns school personnel to the area around the Metro station, every day, he said he could still use more help.

"I think that had the rules been enforced and had Metro put enough people there — visible, uniformed people every day — we would not have had one child targeted and made an example out of in that way."

Judge says keep

tires as evidence

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A federal judge Friday ordered Bridgestone/Firestone to stop destroying its recalled tires until some can be preserved for use as evidence in lawsuits against the company.

U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker issued the ruling at the end of the first organizational hearing in Indianapolis since the cases were consolidated here last month.

More than 50 lawyers representing the plaintiffs and the companies involved crowded the courtroom.

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Controversial abortion pill will arrive soon

The Washington Post

The controversial abortion pill RU-486 will be shipped to hundreds of health clinics within days, making it widely available to American women for the first time after more than a decade of conflict and delay.

The first batches of the abortion pill will go to clinics and health centers that already provide surgical abortions, according to Danco Laboratories LLC of New York, the drug's producer.

But the company, as well as abortion advocates such as Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the National Abortion Federation, said they are planning campaigns to recruit and train more health workers and doctors in private practice to use RU-486.

While the Food and Drug Administration's September decision to approve RU-486 ended one phase of a contentious battle, activists on both sides agree that an equally important contest has

already begun to persuade doctors to either accept or reject the abortion pill, which also known as mifepristone and Mifeprex.

Activists on both sides of the debate say the pill could revolutionize the struggle over abortion in this country by allowing women to get abortions in many more individual doctors' offices and clinics, making abortion much more widely available and private. But it remains to be seen how many doctors will agree to offer it.

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Reading volunteer

Volunteers are needed at Gooding Elementary to read to or listen to children read during and after school. Volunteers can be middle school and high school students, parents and retired people to help in kindergarten and first through third-grade classrooms. The hours are flexible from daily to a half-hour once a week. Call Sally Walker at 934-4941.

Guardian ad Litem volunteers

— Energetic volunteers are needed to safeguard the interests of abused and neglected children. Guardian ad Litem volunteers represent children going through the court system. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890 or visit the offices at 137 E. Main St. in Jerome.

Hospice volunteers

— Magic Valley Staffing Service Hospice Division is in need of volunteers to assist with duties such as a supporter to the patient or caregiver, newsletter preparation, copying, mass mailings and assistance with fundraising activities. Volunteers are especially needed in Rupert, Jerome and Twin Falls. Hospice and OSHA training are offered each month. Volunteers are also needed for the new bereavement program. Call Susan Harris at 734-0600 or 1-800-303-0602.

Mentors needed

— Volunteers 55 and older are needed to mentor at-risk 11th- and 12th-grade students. All volunteers

must consent to a background search and fingerprinting. Call Carlene at 736-2122, Ext. 320 or Kitty at 436-0727 for those in the Mini-Cassia area.

Girl Scout volunteers

— A facilitator is needed for a pre-planned Girl Scout Program, which runs during the school year. Girl Scout leaders are needed in the Filer area. Time commitment varies after school, early evenings or weekends. Training and mentorship will be provided. An assistant service unit cookie manager is needed. Volunteers will work a few hours in December, January, February and March. Total time involved is about 10 hours. A public relations person is needed to help make the community aware of the Girl Scout program. Training and materials are provided. Volunteer will work with adults and children. Time needed is 2-4 hours a month. Call 733-9623.

Winter clothing, blankets, toys

— The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs men's, women's and children's winter clothing, blankets, Christmas items, bikes and toys. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1043 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Call Michelle at 736-2166.

Caregiver helpers

— The "Dial-A-Break" Respite Program is in need of volunteers who will sit with 24-hour clients in their homes. This allows the caregiver a chance

to take a much-needed break. This program is offered in the Magic Valley and volunteers are needed in all areas. Call Judy or Carlene at the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program at the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

Volunteer drivers

— Volunteer drivers are needed in the Magic Valley area for the Senior Assisted Services program. This program offers assisted transportation to people 60 years and older. There is a small reimbursement for mileage. Call Judy or Carlene at the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program at the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

Volunteer readers

— Volunteers ages 55 and older are needed to work with the "American Reads Program." Volunteers will work with kindergarten through third-grade students four hours per week. Volunteers are needed for Twin Falls, Jerome, Buhl and Hagerman schools. Call Mindy at 736-2122, Ext. 325.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. To have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

THE GREAT SMOKEOUT



Jan Sprenger, left, and Shauna Reiter, right, give a presentation to fourth-graders at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley on the dangers of smoking in conjunction with the Great American Smokeout Nov. 18, which encourages smokers to quit, at least for the day. Reiter is a respiratory therapist at Cassia Regional Medical Center and a member of the American Cancer Society. Sprenger is a registered nurse who had to retire due to complications from smoking. Children often begin smoking in sixth- or seventh-grade and the Cancer Society wants to educate children in an effort to prevent their ever starting, organizers say.

TINA TEGAN/The Times-News

CAMP WORK



Nikki and Lindsay Hill, Brandi Hitchcock, Larissa Williams, Jayce Crist and Jessica Constable, with sponsors Kris Burbank and Roxie and Mark Ottman, from the Kimberly Christian Church spend a day this fall at the intermountain Christian camp at Fairfield making repairs. The group spent the day removing a deck at one of the camp residences which had been improperly constructed. Roxie Ottman said the youngsters worked hard on what proved to be hard job.

MARQUETTE JONES/The Times-News

Local teachers attend science convention

BOISE — Teachers from the Magic Valley attended the National Science Teachers Association's Northwest Area Convention held Oct. 5-7 in Boise.

Jerine Smith, a science teacher at Kimberly Middle School; Elizabeth Pope, Vicki Owsley, Sherina Daarud, Ted Nasman, Crend Robinson and Jody Jensen, elementary educators at Teton Elementary School; and Nancy Jonsson-Byler, an associate professor of geography/geology at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, participated.

More than 3,000 science teachers, principals, scientists and other education leaders attended the convention and heard from nationally known speakers, including Jack Homer, who served as a technical advisor to Steven Spielberg for the movie, "Jurassic Park" and its sequel, "The Lost World." Homer was the first to discover dinosaur eggs in the Western Hemisphere. Other speakers included David Levy, science editor of Parade Magazine and co-discoverer of the comet Shoemaker-Levy 9, and Barbara

Morgan, a backup candidate for the NASA Teacher in Space program behind Christa McAuliffe and the first educator mission specialist to be chosen by NASA.

Convention participants from around the country exchanged ideas about effective ways to teach science to students of all ages.

Teachers participated in a variety of hands-on workshops, short courses and area study tours and they tried out up-to-date teaching materials and cutting-edge technologies exhibited by more than 100 companies and organizations.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Hagerman writer wins first place for essay writing

Writer's Digest has announced the winners of its annual writing competition in the November issue.

Winners were chosen in 10 different categories from 19,000 entries. First place for Memoirs/Personal Essay was awarded to Janice Urlic of Hagerman.

In addition to a cash award and merchandise, she will receive a manuscript critique and marketing advice from the editorial board.

Urie is a member of the Twin Falls Chapter of the Idaho Writers' League and writes a monthly column for the Hagerman Valley Fish Wrap.

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Early deadlines set for community pages

TWIN FALLS — Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be a change in deadlines for community events for the community pages this week.

Information for events to be published in the Thursday and Nov. 26 editions is due by Tuesday noon.

Information for the Nov. 25 page is due in by Wednesday noon.

For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 733-0931, Ext. 288 or fax information to 734-5538 or e-mail to patm@magvalley.com

Local woman celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS — Joy Staples will celebrate her 80th birthday on 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the LDS State Center on Maurice Street in Twin Falls.

Club seeks young people to honor at appreciation night

JEROME — The Jerome Optimist Club is in need of outstanding young people to be recognized during Youth Appreciation Night at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Central Elementary. Youth recognized with receive a certificate of appreciation and a gift. All ages are needed. For more information, call Sheri by Sunday at 734-4953 or 734-2532.

Jerome First Church of God holds Thanksgiving dinner

JEROME — The Jerome First Church of God will hold its annual

community Thanksgiving dinner after the morning service Sunday, at the church at 131 E. Ave. F in Jerome.

For more information, call Julene Pearson at 324-2025, Beverly Meyers at 324-4261 or Darla McKean at 324-8502.

Cassia Regional Medical Center offers CPR class

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering an infant CPR and child safety class from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Instruction will also include first-aid techniques to assist infants who are choking. The class will be taught by a certified American Heart CPR instructor who also works as an advanced emergency medical technician and newborn nursery nurse.

The cost for the class, including several other childbirth classes, is \$20. To register, call for more information, call 677-6500.

SHIBA volunteers ready to give insurance information

BURLEY — Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) will be available at Cassia Regional Medical Center by appointment.

SHIBA is a free public service of the Idaho Department of Insurance and the Cassia Regional Medical Center. The program provides information, counseling and assistance to seniors. Working hand in hand with the Social Security Administration and the Health Care Finance Administration, SHIBA volunteers will bring the latest information on Medicare, Medicaid, and other related programs, orga-

nizers say.

They can also inform seniors about a physician's limiting charges, open enrollment, the 10 basic plans and many other aspects of public and private insurance, organizers say.

SHIBA volunteers are trained to help people become a wise consumer of private insurance. organizers say. They can counsel on what kind and how much insurance is needed, as well as help find the best buys in insurance coverage. Volunteers will assist with Medicare billing, serve as a liaison with Medicaid and also help with Medicaid applications.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Geri Alejandro at 677-6526.

Golden Heritage Center holds craft extravaganza

BURLEY — The Golden Heritage Senior Center will hold a craft extravaganza from 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the center at 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Cinnamon rolls and chili will be available to purchase. For more information, call 678-8646.

South Central Idaho Stamp Club schedules meeting

TWIN FALLS — The South Central Idaho Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the conference room at 451 Second Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Anyone interested in philately is welcome to attend.

Wendell Optimist Club seeks coats for kids

WENDELL — The Wendell

Optimist Club has placed Coats for Kids barrels at the following businesses in Wendell: Simerlys, Farmhouse Restaurant, Ace Videos, Cenex and the Photo Shop.

The donated coats are collected, mended and cleaned by the Optimist Club and given to the Wendell High School for distribution to those in need.

For more information, call Emma Coleman at 536-2191.

BPA holds Mr. Twin Falls pageant on Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Chapter of Business Professionals of America will hold its 16th annual Mr. Twin Falls High Pageant at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Roper Auditorium.

The pageant will include musical theater performed by the Sentinels, dance performances by Nielsen's Stargazers and Lori Head's School of Dance, door prizes and the crowning of Mr. Twin Falls High.

Proceeds will send BPA students to state and national competitions. A donation will also be made to the Special Olympics.

Tickets are \$3 in advance or \$4 at the door.

For more information, call Carol Bearup at 733-6551, voice mail 3041.

Diabetes Center Foundation plans food contest

TWIN FALLS — The Diabetes Center Foundation will hold its annual food contest at 7 p.m. Monday at the South Central District Health Department meeting room on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The contest will include cook-

ing tips, new recipes, holiday food ideas and cooking demonstration by Rhea Lanting and Cami Jayo.

For more information, call Ann Bybee at 733-3700 or Barbara Holloway at 736-8336.

The food contest is free.

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All decked out for the holidays? The Times-News is sponsoring a holiday lights contest in search of the home in the Magic Valley or Mini-Cassia area with the best lighting display.

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The winner will be featured in the paper. The prize will be the gift of time — a \$25 gift certificate

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For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 243.

Odyssey Theater offers free admission with can of food

TWIN FALLS — The Odyssey Theater and Interstate Amusement Inc. at the Magic Valley Mall will offer free admission to "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle" or "The X Men" with a can of food today. "Snow Day," "Remember the Titans," "The Road to El Dorado," "Godzilla 2000" and "Dignity" will be offered for 50 cents the weekend after Thanksgiving and each weekend through December. Coupons are available at the Odyssey Theater and the Magic Valley Mall.

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NATION/WORLD

Arafat calls for shooting from Palestinian areas to stop

JERUSALEM — Yasser Arafat ordered Palestinian gunmen to stop shooting at Israelis from areas under his control Friday in what appeared to be an effort to halt return fire that could hurt Palestinian civilians.

It was not clear whether Arafat's call also was a step toward a full-fledged truce that would bring an end to nearly two months of violence. In new confrontations Friday, six Palestinians were killed by gunfire.

Responding to Arafat's call, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said, "words are not enough."

Arafat's appeal Friday was his first public statement of the need to end the shooting. Israel and the United States have demanded that Arafat make a clear statement to his people to halt the fire. Israel has made cessation of the violence a condition for returning to peace talks.

FBI: Cole probe progress brings more agents home

WASHINGTON — With their dispute over investigative procedures receding, Yemenis and the FBI have made so much progress probing the attack on the USS Cole that the bureau is bringing home more agents and its on-scene commander, a senior FBI official said Friday.

The announcement by Assistant FBI Director Dale Watson, head of the bureau's counterterrorism division, did not detail that progress. However, Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul-Karim al-Iryani said in an interview that the two men who carried out the suicide bombing last month have been identified as Yemeni veterans of the U.S.-backed guerrilla war to drive Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

Al-Iryani also told The Washington Post that one of the men who steered the small boat carrying plastic explosives into the U.S. ship was a Yemeni born in the eastern province of Hadramaut.

Although U.S. officials declined to comment on the Yemeni official's remarks, Watson said, "Investigation by Yemeni authorities and sustained cooperation with U.S. efforts continue to

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result in more than satisfactory progress."

Clinton has yet to visit Nebraska with months left

LINCOLN, Neb. — With just two months left in his term, President Clinton has yet to step foot in Nebraska — the only state he has not visited during his eight years in office.

He turned down two invitations to visit after his press secretary announced in June that Clinton would make a stop before leaving the White House in January.

So will he or won't he? The official word from the White House is that Clinton still plans a trip to Nebraska, probably sometime in late December or early January. But nothing has been set.

Sources see Clinton administration holding on

WASHINGTON — There were many predictions a while back that Clinton administration folks would start leaving in earnest right about now. They're not, sources tell us. There's hardly any movement as they wait to see the outcome of the election.

"They are delusional," said one top administration official. "They are just holding on," hoping that Gore is declared the winner so they can try to parlay their Clinton-Gore bona fides into a

job.

The problem is, this official said, they are going to need "Gore-Lieberman bona fides" if they want to stay on for long. "They're just playing poker."

Well, beats looking for a real job.

Farm group: Thanksgiving will cost less this year

WASHINGTON — Here's something to be thankful for: A traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner will cost less this year than last, a farm group says.

A dinner for 10 people this year will cost \$32.37, down \$1.46 from 1999, according to an annual survey by the American Farm Bureau Federation. It is the first time the Thanksgiving dinner price has dropped since 1991, the group said.

The drop reflects a decline in the cost of a wide range of food items, including milk, sweet potatoes, the turkey itself.

Some specifics:
• A 16-pound turkey, \$12.52, down an average of \$1.71 from last year.

• Gallon of whole milk, \$2.56, down 39 cents.

• Three-pound bag of sweet potatoes, \$1.94, down 23 cents.

• Frozen green peas, \$1.06, down 7 cents.

Feds say raid followed allegations of gambling

NEW ORLEANS — A federal

raid of former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke's home stemmed from allegations that Duke gambled away hundreds of thousands of dollars he raised for white supremacist causes, court documents said.

According to papers filed in U.S. District Court here Friday, Duke was considered a "high roller" at casinos in Mississippi, Louisiana and Nevada, betting money he solicited from supporters.

A search warrant affidavit made public Friday cited four confidential informants and numerous casino records. Informants told investigators that his office workers "would laugh at the often untruthful excesses Duke concocted in his mass mailouts asking supporters for money," court papers said.

Agents from the FBI, Internal

Revenue Service and the Postal Inspection Service raided Duke's home on Thursday, carting off boxes of documents and a rifle.

Duke's associates said the 50-year-old one-time state legislator was in Russia, promoting a new book, and that they had not been able to reach him Friday.

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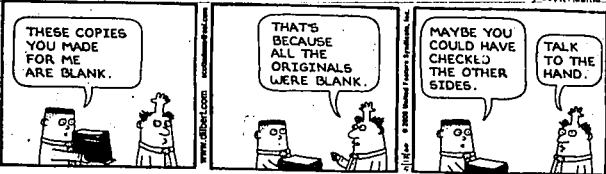
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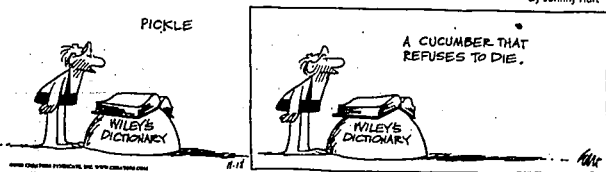
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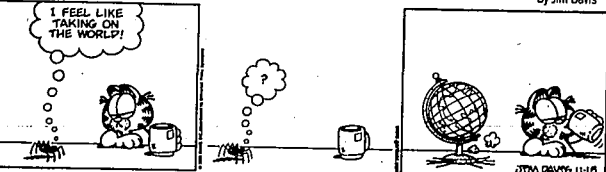
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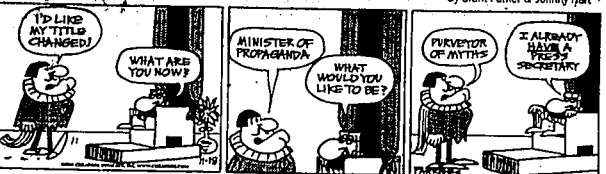
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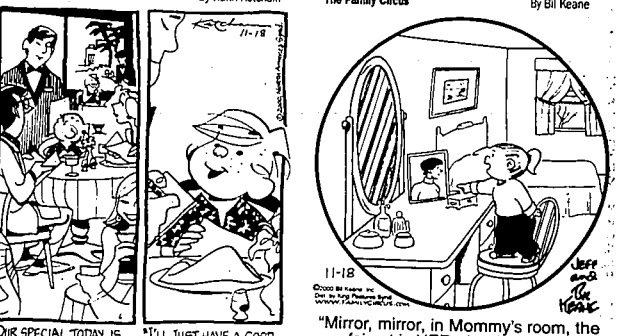


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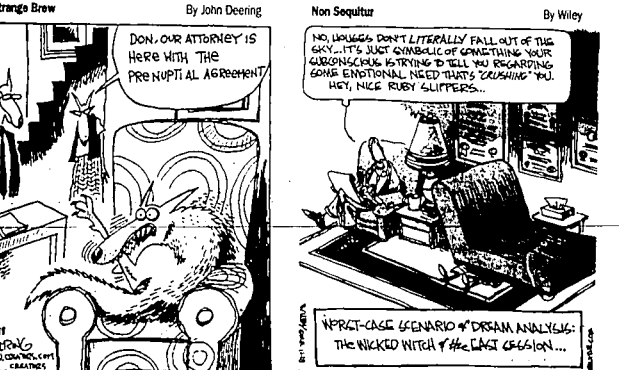


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Is it time to get rid of the Electoral College?

Yes

JOYCE APPELBY

The 2000 presidential election is unique in the annals of American history? Because the vote is not yet final? No. Its singular distinction comes from the fact that never before have both the popular and electoral votes been close in the same election.

When John F. Kennedy squeaked out a victory over Richard Nixon in 1960, his 48.7 percent of the popular vote triumphed over Nixon's 48.5 percent, but Kennedy won 303 electoral votes, 85 more than Nixon. Similarly, earlier close popular votes yielded major differences in electoral college strength. The simultaneous convergence of near-ties in the 2000 presidential race denies the winner the clear-cut authority of either the nation's informal popularity contest or its official electoral college count. This disturbing outcome may also alter the nation's voters to the real flaws in the Founders' ingenious invention, the Electoral College, detailed in Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

Previous criticism of our peculiar way of electing a president through 50 separate contests has focused on the winner-take-all policy in 48 of our 50 states.

This policy of treating 51 percent of the votes the same as 75 percent can thwart the popular will when one candidate garners the requisite number of electoral votes in states that are evenly divided while the opponent overwhelming carries his or her states.

Election 2000 has thrown a searchlight on a far graver defect in the Electoral College: the two-electector bonus every state has for its senators. The Constitution assigns electoral votes to states on the basis of the number of its representatives in Congress, plus its two senators.

After every census, congressional strength is readjusted to

reflect population shifts. Not so the bonus senatorial electors; they never change. If population were evenly dispersed among the United States, the bonus senators wouldn't make much difference. But, as this election has made crystal clear, voters are clustered in a handful of big states. The figures: 29 states have fewer than eight electors. Only seven have more than 20.

What does this math show? That our 31 smallest states get a 25 percent boost in their electoral strength while California gets only 4 percent from its senatorial electors and New York, Texas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida 6 percent to 9 percent.

This campaign has also made

starkly apparent just how much the Electoral College skews the candidates' campaigns. Why did Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore return again and again to Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Florida, Missouri and Michigan?

Because their electoral votes were up for grabs while New York, Ohio, California and most of the states in the West and South had already formed majorities for one or the other candidate.

Can we expect reform of this dreary system soon? Probably not. Those 29 states to which

the Constitution delivers a 25 percent gift of electoral strength also have the power to determine the fate of the necessary constitutional amendment to eliminate the college. Amendments require the approval of three-fourths of the states. Montana, Wyoming, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Alaska are unlikely to line up to give up their electoral heft.

Tradition, constitutional reverence, protection of state differences and anti-big city sentiment can all be expected to serve their cause. But there's one thing - after this election - that the Electoral College's supporters won't be able to say: If it's not broken, don't fix it.

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No

An institution created generations before any of us were born in a nation entirely unlike our own naturally puzzles and frustrates us. Set against our highest cultural and political ideal, that of democracy, our way of choosing the president seems fatally flawed. It also provokes frequent calls for its abolition, especially in times of political crisis like this one. But efforts to abolish the Electoral College have always failed, either in Congress or in the states. The last constitutional amendment that sought to abolish the college, that of the late 1960s, passed Congress but failed to be ratified by the requisite three-fourths of the states.

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It's working just fine

JAMES M. BANNER JR.

Why is that?

The American people wisely respect their Constitution, recognizing the wisdom of the founders' tendency to err, if at all, on the side of caution. Critics say that those men, James Madison, "Father of the Constitution" premier among them, feared democracy - decisions affecting the public good arrived at through the vote of average men.

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To be sure, the states with the largest number of electoral votes - California, New

York, Texas, and, yes, Florida - sometimes get the lion's share of attention, but not this year. Battleground states, many of them small, like Iowa and Oregon, received more attention just for having an electorate that has not met its mind.

Were elections decided by popular vote alone, candidates would be inclined to concentrate their efforts in the most populous states and cities. Voters in rural areas could forget the candidates' concern with farm issues. States with low populations like Rhode Island or Delaware disappear into their larger neighbors during presidential campaigns, and distant places like Hawaii and Alaska could forget about ever seeing the presidential candidates.

Then there are times like these when the popular and electoral votes roughly coincide in their closeness, each being proportional to the other. We should not forget that this very rarely happens.

Usually the winner gains a decisive margin of electoral votes even when the popular vote is close. This normal pattern has solidified the president-elect's victory and bestowed a constitutionally mandated authority.

Those who would have the Electoral College abolished like to point to its uniqueness, as if this sole aspect, but not other ones, of American distinctiveness is a bad thing. But when was uniqueness a disqualification for American pride?

And, anyway, since we have used, with little ill effect, a constitutional institution for more than 200 years, the burden of proof as to the happy results of its abolition must fall upon those who would abolish it.

And, while the only way to the benefits of its end, how can they know what unfortunate consequences might also follow its repeal?

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It's time for the United States to pay its U.N. dues

The Providence (R.I.) Journal

The U.S. failure to pay its back dues to the United Nations is "scandalous."

That was how Jeremy Greenstock, Britain's permanent representative to the United Nations, put it last month, speaking in Boston. The United States owes \$1.6 billion in back dues. We urge the president-elect, whoever he is, and the next Congress to pay up as one of their first acts in January. The current situation can lead only to trouble, and clearing this up would help set a positive tone for the foreign policy of the next administration.

The United Nations is many things, but one thing it main-

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festly is not is the world government. It is more on the order of a club, the members of which are nations. As such, its institutional policies are a consensus, more or less.

These policies are frequently not to the liking of the United States but also often not to the liking of other individual nations as well. Therefore, the U.S. refusal to pay dues generates no sympathy from other members.

And it should be said that the current secretary-general, Kofi Annan, a career U.N. diplomat and admirable leader

--"who knows where the bodies are buried" -- has tightened up the loose management that has long been a source of U.S. complaints.

The United Nations is, unavoidably, a bureaucracy, and can be world class in its petty viciousness. One result of U.S. dues nonpayment is that American U.N. staffers find that they are made to pay, in a bureaucratic way -- in ideas discounted, initiatives thwarted and counsels unheeded.

We should pay because the world's superpower needs to have correct relations with the major international organization to most effectively carry out American diplomacy, and for the simple moral reason that we are members.

Electoral system kills votes

No surprise to see The Times-News editorial board defending our anti-Democratic Electoral College. This institution, which exists solely in the United States, is probably the main explanation for low voter turnout in popular elections.

Voters in American presidential elections realize that their cast ballot count only toward certain selected individuals picked by the parties. Although it is a rare occurrence, these electors may be unfaithful and cast their votes to the opposition. Realizing this, many potential voters decide to boycott the election.

I ask you, Times-News editorial board, how would you feel about the Electoral College if the current situation in this presidential election were reversed -- with Bush leading the popular vote and Gore ahead in Florida? Knowing the nature of past right-wing editorials of yours, you would be in full support of ditching the Electoral College, as long as the Republican candidate wins.

In my opinion, the best way to end the draw created by having the Electoral College is by forgetting Bush and Gore and opting for the next eligible candidate, in this case Ralph Nader. Ralph was the one candidate on the ballot this year who would fight for the interests of both major parties as well as issues too touchy to be brought up at the debates by Albert and George. This

LETTERS

is why he got my vote.

ANDRE STONE

Tacoma, Wash.

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Collego gives voice to Idaho

Fellow voters, if you want to turn the selection of the president over to the bigger states, those with the large populations, then promote the elimination of the Electoral College. The Electoral College was wisely established by the founding fathers to give the smaller states a greater say in election of the president of the country. As the Senate is made up of two individuals from each of the sovereign states while the House membership is based on population, so the Electoral College is made up of the sum of its representation in the national Legislature.

I learned in grade school many years ago that Idaho and others of the smaller states thus have a disproportionate voice in electing the president of the United States. As it should be because of the individuality of the several states and each one's right to be heard as a separate entity.

RALPH W. MAUGHAN

Rupert

Wildlands funding must stop

What do road closures (Shovel Brigade), wolf and bear introduc-

tion, proposed Owyhee Canyonland Monument and expansion of the Craters of the Moon National Monument all have in common? They are all part of the Wildland Project of the Biodiversity Treaty which is a United Nations land grab that was never ratified by the U.S. Senate. However, the Wildlands Project is being implemented in the United States by unconstitutional presidential executive initiatives through government agencies like the Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The Wildlands goal is to make 50 percent of the United States into a game preserve. This must be stopped! The Clinton-Gore administration has created 10 more national monuments this year and expanded several others without a vote in Congress or the consent of the states. Development of valuable resources, including coal, timber and minerals are stopped while we become more dependent on unreliable foreign sources. Jobs and communities are being destroyed! Many top environmental organization officials appointed to the Clinton-Gore administration are using our tax dollars to implement Wildlands.

The solution is for the U.S. Congress to stop funding the Wildlands Project Implementation and to get out of the deep pockets destroying United Nations. ADRIAN AIRP Twin Falls

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By Bruce Tinsley

Joke's on Florida as rest of U.S. snickers

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI - Joke culled from the e-mail ether:

How many Palm Beach Democrats does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

None. They can't find the socket. While Floridians obsess over presidential ballot recounts, the rest of the country has little to do but sit back and snicker.

At us, mostly. From morning newspapers to late-night TV funnymen, from Internet websites to the e-mail ether, from hoos about "pregnant chads" to howls about "electile dysfunction," the country's wags are in full screech.

"Flori-duh!" is how The Boston Herald put it in an early headline, and that was just the beginning. Conan O'Brien guessed Palm Beach County voters are so old they thought they were voting for James Buchanan. Al Franken urged a re-vote soon, before that Tuesday's voters start dying.

An anonymous e-mail message suggests the demographics of a South Florida voter:

• Can play 10 bingo cards at a time and not miss a number.

• Can juggle 53 numbers and Pick 6 for the Florida Lotto, and select their Pick Three, Fantasy Five, and Mega Ball numbers.

• Can read five papers, four scratch sheets and handicap three horses in the trifecta at the race track.

• Can't read a four-line ballot. Cox Newspapers reported that a

Louisiana elementary teacher had her first- and fourth-graders try Palm Beach's infamous "butterfly" ballot and reported that three of her first-graders voted for Pat Buchanan by mistake, but all of her fourth-graders aced it.

Also on e-mail is a "Voting for Dummies" parody with a revised Palm Beach County ballot that offers to help voters who have punched the ballot for Pat Buchanan by engaging them in this colloquy:

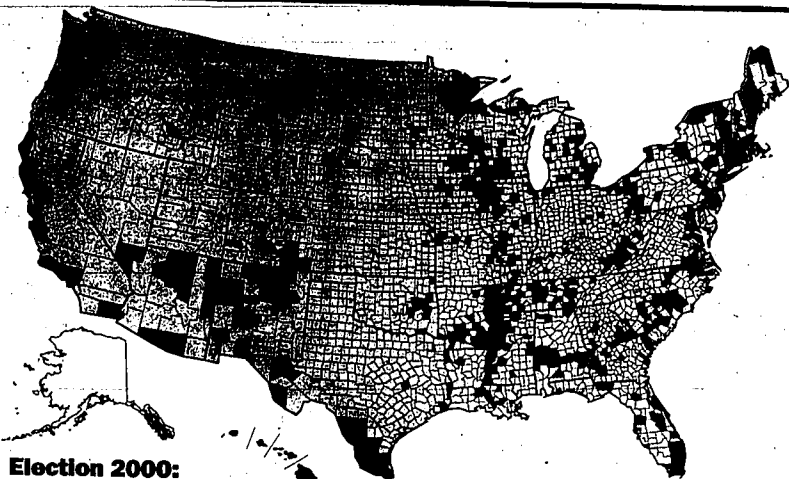
• You have chosen Pat Buchanan. This candidate is NOT Al Gore. Are you sure you want to vote for Pat Buchanan?

• If you circled "yes" above, do you realize that you are throwing your vote away?

• If you circled "yes" above, you can't be serious, so we will automatically change your vote to Al Gore. We know that's what you meant.

Not all of the fun, thank goodness, is poked at us. Some ridicules the process in general. Like this English-accented e-mail:

"Notice of Revocation of Independence: To the citizens of the United States of America, in light of your failure to elect a President and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective today. Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths and other territories. Except Utah, which she does not fancy."



Election 2000: County by county breakdown

One week after the Nov. 7 election, almost every state has determined a clear choice for the next president. But with crucial electoral votes hanging in the balance, ongoing courts in New Mexico, Wisconsin, Iowa, Oregon and especially Florida, have touched off legal battles and debates about the electoral process.

Note: Alaska's electoral votes went to Bush, but the state does not report election returns by county.

Source: Associated Press; ESRI

The standings*

CANDIDATE	ELECTORAL VOTES	POPULAR VOTES
BUSH	246	48,573,063
GORE	262	48,782,903

*Standings as of 5:47 p.m. Tuesday. Map results as of 8:33 a.m. Tuesday.

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dent's residence in Washington to read a statement. "The citizens of Florida surely want the candidate who received the most votes in Florida to be determined the winner of that state," he said. "That's why I'm very pleased that the hand counts are continuing. . . . And that is why the decision just announced by the Florida Supreme Court preventing the Florida secretary of state from certifying the election results tomorrow is so important."

In Tallahassee, Bush's chief representative in Florida, former secretary of state James A. Baker III, later appeared before television cameras to note that the state Supreme Court order merely preserved the status quo and to express confidence that the Bush campaign would prevail.

Baker also saw a silver lining in another legal setback that the Bush campaign suffered Friday in Atlanta, where the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously rejected its request to halt the manual recounts. Reaffirming a lower federal court ruling, the appeals court said that states "have the primary authority" to resolve their own elections controversies. But Baker noted that the appeals court "specifically noted that we are free to return to federal court to present our constitutional challenges" after Florida courts have ruled.

The day began with Leon County Circuit Court Judge Terry P. Lewis handing Bush a major victory, ruling that Harris, a Republican and Bush stalwart, acted with proper discretion when she decided not to include the results of the manual recounts of votes in a final certification of statewide election returns that she planned to issue today.

Hours later, the Gore campaign announced that it was asking the Florida Supreme Court to overturn Lewis's decision and to rule that certification of Bush as the statewide winner would be invalid because it involved the

rejection of votes that could have changed the election outcome or put it in doubt.

With time running out and the endgame apparently at hand, former secretary of state Warren Christopher, who is heading Gore's team in Florida, appealed to Harris to delay the official certification to allow time for the state Supreme Court to rule on the Gore challenges.

"Wouldn't it be unfortunate if this matter were concluded by her action tomorrow and then the Supreme Court of Florida were to reach a different conclusion at some time in the future?" Christopher said in Tallahassee. "Or, indeed, that it turned out that Vice President Gore had received more votes in Florida than Governor Bush? So I think the plea that I have is that we take time, that we wait just these few days necessary to reach a result that will enhance the legitimacy of the next president of the United States."

In pointed remarks aimed directly at Bush, Christopher added: "I hope that Governor Bush will not attach finality to tomorrow's result, will not begin the partying, but will give the Florida Supreme Court an opportunity to act in the matter."

Then the Supreme Court intervened, making moot the Gore pleas for more time and the Bush plan to declare the election over.

Meanwhile, there were several other minor legal skirmishes over the election in Florida Friday, including a hearing in Palm

Beach County on whether to order a new vote there because of alleged deficiencies in the county's so-called butterfly ballot.

Circuit Court Judge Jorge Labarga said he will issue a ruling in the case next week.

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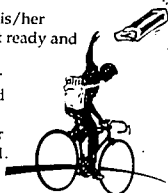
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“Our community has taken a hit.”

—*Sylvia Grider, an associate professor of anthropology at Texas A&M, as the school prepared a ceremony to mark the 1-year anniversary of last year's bonfire collapse that killed 12 students*

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What instrument was that unfortunate member of the Stanford marching band playing when he was run over by Cal's Kevin Moen on "The Play," the Golden Bears' improbable five-lateral, 57-yard run that beat the Cal in 1982?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College football

Idaho vs. Boise State, 1:05 p.m. (PAX55)

Idaho St. at Utah State, 3 p.m.

College women's basketball

CSI vs. Casper College, 6 p.m.

College men's basketball

K&T Steel Tournament at CSI, games at 6 and 8 p.m.

High school girls' basketball

Declo at Malad, 4:15 p.m.

Twin Falls at Highland, 6 p.m.

Blackfoot at Jerome, 6 p.m.

Shoshone at Hagerman, 6 p.m.

Burley at Bonneville, 6 p.m.

Minico at Skyline, 6 p.m.

Kimberly at American Falls, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Browns QB Detmer to speak to Scouts

TWIN FALLS — Cleveland Browns quarterback and BYU graduate Ty Detmer will be the keynote speaker at the inaugural Snake River Council Boy Scout Sports Breakfast Dec. 6 in the CSI gym.

Detmer will deliver a motivational speech on the value of living a Boy Scout-oriented lifestyle. Organizers are hoping for contributions in the \$50 range, but there is no set amount requested. Doors will open at 6:30 a.m. for a pre-breakfast social. The event starts at 7 and should run until around 8:30. The quarterback should be available for autographs and personal greetings after the speech.

Coaches and one player each from the 25 Magic and Wood River valley high school football teams will be invited as guests of the Boy Scouts' Snake River Council. The breakfast is sponsored by the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

For reservations and more details, call 733-2067.

Steelheads sign former NHL right winger

BOISE — The Idaho Steelheads signed ex-L.A. Kings and San Jose Sharks right wing Barry Potomski to a West Coast Hockey League contract on Friday.

Potomski, 27, played for the Kings from 1995-97, appearing in 59 games and scoring 10 points with 197 penalty minutes. He played nine games for San Jose during the 1997-98 campaign. Last season, he played one game for Long Beach of the International Hockey League and 51 for the West Coast's San Diego Gulls.

Idaho plays the Tacoma Sabercats tonight in Tacoma, and return home for games against Anchorage next Wednesday and Friday.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Cardinal band member Gary Tyrrell was playing the trombone, celebrating what he and the rest of the stadium thought was a sure Stanford win.

Pirates fall victim to Mackay title machine

By John Derr
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Five times Hagerman was in the red zone with a chance to score. Only twice were they able to punch it in.

That proved to be the difference, as a stifling Mackay defense shut down the Pirates and the Miners came away with their fifth straight Class A-4, 11-man high school football title with a 22-12 victory Friday night at Holt Arena.

"We couldn't move the ball. We got inside the 20 and their defense toughened up," said Hagerman's first-year coach Lonnie Funkhouser. "The defense played great, we just gave up a few big plays."

The teams had played twice this year. The first time, Mackay grabbed an 18-point victory. The second time, the score tightened with the Miners winning 18-6.

Early on it looked as though Hagerman would find a way to beat the Miners, but a score late in the first half and inability to move the ball in the second proved too much for the Pirates to overcome.

The Pirates were three and out on their first possession, but recovered their first of four turnovers when Brandon Knight recovered a fumble. Unable to move the ball, Hagerman punted away and saw the ball roll down to the Mackay 7-yard line.

Kris Krosch, the only offensive weapon the Miners had, was the focal point of the Pirates defense. Three runs by Krosch netted just eight yards and Mackay was forced to punt. Krosch sent a low line drive down the left side of the field.

Tyler Sabala turned just in time to see the ball coming at him, grabbed the ball out of the air and returned it to Mackay's 9-yard line.

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Major Miners

Mackay (left) holds the home-field advantage in Holt Arena Friday night makes it five state championships in a row for the Miners. Here's a list of A-4, 11-man state champions, and their coaches, since 1981:

- 1981 — Nampa Christian (Chuck Russell)
- 1982 — Murtagh (Jim Anderson)
- 1983 — Mullan (John Drager)
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- 1985 — Mackay (Don Thompson)
- 1986 — Ratt River (Tom Hovenden)
- 1987 — Mackay (Jack McKevey)
- 1988 — Wilder (Farris Lynn)
- 1989 — Hagerman (Randy Clark)
- 1990 — Hagerman (Randy Clark)
- 1991 — Melba (Dick Davis)
- 1992 — Rimrock (Bob Murray)
- 1993 — Rimrock (Bob Murray)
- 1994 — Murtagh (Jim Anderson)
- 1995 — Ratt River (Art Roper)
- 1996 — Mackay (Jack McKevey)
- 1997 — Mackay (Jack McKevey)
- 1998 — Mackay (Jack McKevey)
- 1999 — Mackay (Jack McKevey)
- 2000 — Mackay (Jack McKevey)

Century mark revisited

Golden Eagles hammer Howard

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Blandon Ferguson scored 15 points keying a 21-2, five-minute run to open the second half as the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team

K&T Steel Invite

Friday's games
E. Wyoming 78, Southeastern 70
CSI 207, Howard 75

team shelled Texas' Howard College 107-75.

The outburst offset a 16-3 first-half closing run by the Hawks, who had crept to within 11 at halftime after trailing by as many

as 24.

Ferguson finished with a game-high 31 points. Derrick Tarver had 19 and Ander Pinedo, who went 5-for-6 from behind the 3-point line, had 18 leading Howard.

"After they knocked down the three, I just told our team we got to get together," he said. "I said, Please see CSI, Page B2

Shocked Sorenstam shares LPGA lead

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Shock turned to disgust for Annika Sorenstam at the end of a topsy-turvy round Friday in the Arch Wireless Championship, and not even her position at the top of a crowded leaderboard was much consolation.

Hopeful of taking a two-stroke lead into the weekend, the Swede

threw three putts from about 10 feet on the 18th hole for bogey and slipped back into a tie for the lead with Meg Mallon, Dottie Pepper and Leta Lindley.

"It shouldn't be so down, but I just threw two shots away and I worked so hard for all of them," said Sorenstam, who also had a three-putt bogey on the 16th during an otherwise solid round of 71.

"It's hard to enjoy this, even though I'm in good shape for the weekend," she said. "It ruined my whole day."

It sure livened up the tournament.

Instead of some breathing room for the weekend, Sorenstam fell back to 139 and allowed several players — perhaps even Karrie Webb — back into contention in the LPGA Tour's season-ending event.

"It was one of those wild days where nothing looked good in the air," Pepper said after her round of 71. "We had three switches in weather."

Mallon had an even-par 72, while Lindley had a 71.

Woods surges to Walker fore-front.

BANGKOK, Thailand — Tiger Woods, playing what he called an almost flawless round, shot a 7-71.

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Hagerman High's Josh Bray kneels after the Pirates' 22-12 loss to the Mackay Miners Friday in the Class A-4 state championship football game at Holt Arena in Pocatello Friday.

LOAN CASTOR/The Times-News

Lady Eagles roll to 5-0

The Times-News

CASPER, Wyo. — If the Golden Eagles were going to lose a women's basketball game this season, it wasn't going to be to the Rocky Mountain College's junior varsity.

Not at the Casper College Pizza Hut Classic, not on Friday night.

Instead, the College of Southern Idaho got better as the evening progressed, forcing 33 turnovers while committing just 16 in return to beat the Billings, Mont., school's second team and run their record to a perfect 5-0.

Neither team dominated in the first half, and CSI led just 23-14 at intermission. But the Golden Eagles didn't take long increasing their lead for good in the opening minutes of the second frame.

Moving to a ball-hawking brand of defense, Southern Idaho stifled Rocky into a crippling drought from the floor — in the first five minutes of the second session, the Bears managed just four points.

"We're pleased," said CSI coach Kendall Grant. "We've all got smiles on our faces. We feel like (during) the second half we put together the kind of half we wanted to."

The competition stiffens tonight, as the Golden Eagles take on journey host Casper (3-3). But Grant knows that if he continues to enjoy the defense, bench production and all-around scoring he's seen thus far this

season — sophomore Jinga Goshchak was the only CSI player in double figures Friday, but 13 Golden Eagles contributed — it may be quite some time before an opponent hangs a loss on his squad.

"The girls are playing the way they want to," he said. "One of our goals before the game tonight was we'd have a positive bench the whole night long. And we did."

While the Golden Eagles were relatively cold from the free throw line, shooting just 5-of-14, their well-rounded rebounding matched their even scoring from the field. Australian freshman Belinda Stubbs and Boise sophomore Tonya Phillips and Erika Empey combined to grab 18 of their team's 34 boards, many on the defensive end.

"Our defense was tremendous tonight," CSI assistant coach Shelly Wright said. "The whole game, that was the key. It was the best defense we've played all year."

"We had a hard time getting a rhythm early on, but we got a glimmer of how good we can be tonight."

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SPORTS

Kendrick outduels Idaho City, Hicks

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Silas Parks rushed for 307 yards on 14 carries and scored six touchdowns as Kendrick High downed Idaho City 66-46 to claim the Class A-4, 8-man state football championship Friday at Bronco Stadium.

Parks scored on runs of 27, 59, 51 and 94, and added an 86-yard kickoff return to lead the undefeated Tigers to their second state title. Kendrick

(10-1) also won the eight-man title in 1991. For Idaho City (9-2), senior Mone Hicks carried the ball 39 times for 232 yards and two touchdowns. Hicks is the unofficial record-holder in eight-man, finishing a season with 3,364 yards rushing.

Local sports

Kamiah 45, West Side 7

MOSCOW — Cole Snyder rushed for 223 yards and two touchdowns, and Matt Smith added 13 rushing yards and one touchdown on Friday to lead Kamiah over West Side for the state A-3 high school football championship.

Kamiah, which tied 31-0 at halftime, claimed its first state title since 1978.

Century 14, Vallivue 7

BOISE — Century High, in just its second year of existence, won the Division II state championship by squeaking past defending champion Vallivue 14-7 at Bronco Stadium.

Trailing 7-6 at halftime, the Ducks went to work. An interception by Century defensive back Brad Pence gave Century the ball at the Vallivue 31. Seven plays later, Justin Spinner busted in from the 1-yard line on fourth down, and Jordan Coffin added the two-point conversion.

Girls' basketball

Hansen Invitational:

Hansen 70, TFCA 13

Hagerman

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line. One player later, Jason Durfee took it around left end to put Hagerman on the board first.

The defenses continued to rule for most of the first half. With less than two minutes before intermission, Mackay was again forced to punt. The snap went over Kroesch's head, but he was able to recover and kick the ball.

Hagerman had the ball at the Miners 38 and looked to build the lead. But on fourth down, quarterback Levi Lemmon's sneak came up inches short as Mackay took over with 24 seconds left.

That turned out to be just enough time for the Miners to get on the board. Kroesch hit Blaine Fullmer for 50 yards to move to the 23-yard line. After an incomplete pass, the pair hooked up again, this time for a touchdown. Kroesch ran in the extra point and the Miners led at the half, 8-6.

Another Mackay turnover opened the second half, when Kroesch fumbled while being sacked by Will Fontaine. As the Pirates went to the air to retake the lead, Lemmon hit Nathan Jayo for nine yards, then found him again, this time wide open in the end zone from 14 yards out to put Hagerman up 12-8.

Moments later, the Pirates grabbed another Kroesch interception and again were in the red zone, but could not move the ball. Hagerman had left the door open and Mackay charged right through it.

Kroesch, who was helped off the field three times and took oxygen nearly every time he went to the sideline, went to the air since the running game was ineffective. His Hagerman game was ineffective. He connected with Rick Warner for 10 yards, then found Fullmer again for 28 yards and a touchdown that put the Miners up for good.

Mackay's defense continued to frustrate Hagerman. In the Miners offense gained some breathing room after a punt return put them inside the Pirate 40. Kroesch finally found some space to run at that point, with gains of 10 and 19 yards to move

Football championships

• Class A-1, Div. I

Highland 56, Lewiston 41

• Class A-1, Div. II

Century 14, Vallivue 7

• Class A-2

Snake River 31, Lakeland 20

• Class A-3

Kamiah 45, West Side 7

• Class A-4, 8-man

Kendrick 66, Idaho City 46

• Class A-4, 11-man

Mackay 22, Hagerman 12

Hansen — The Hansen Huskies advanced to the championship game of the Hansen Invitational Tournament by defeating TFCA 70-13 Friday night.

Thirteen Lady Huskies scored in the lopsided affair.

Adrian English scored 12 of the Warriors' 13 points and added nine rebounds to her totals.

Hansen (3-0) plays Dietrich (3-0) tonight at 7:30 p.m. for the championship. Castelford plays TFCA at 6 p.m. for consolation.

Dietrich 74, Castelford 40

Hansen — The Dietrich Blue Devils defeated Castelford to advance to the championship game of the Hansen Invitational Tournament.

The Wolves kept the game close in the first quarter, but Dietrich forced turnovers in the second quarter and outscored Castelford 17-2. Rashell Astle had nine of her 17 points in the second quarter, and the Blue Devils went into the locker room up 36-15.

Joining Astle with double figures for Dietrich were Rayssa Parker with 22 points and three pointers, and Shamee Norman with 10 points.

The Blue Devils (3-0) play Hansen tonight at 7:30 p.m. while Castelford faces TFCA at 6 p.m.

Valley 89, Wood River 25

Valley — The Valley Vikings remained undefeated, jumping out to a 17-3 lead in the first quarter.

"It was our first home game and we came out tentative while Valley came out aggressive," said Wood River coach Brent Carnuff.

Point guard Laurel Williams, the only returning varsity player for the Wolverines, was 9-of-10 from the line and 2-of-6 on 3-pointers for 23 total points.

Wood River (2-1) hosts Wendell Nov. 28. Valley (5-0) travels to Filer Monday.

MVCHS 26, Cole Valley 19

TWIN FALLS — Six-foot-2 center Jacques Swartz had another high-flying night, pouring in 16 points and a whopping 20 rebounds to lead Magic Valley Christian past Cole Valley Christian.

The Conquerors were by overcoming a poor start. The hosts were outscored 4-0 in the first quarter. After that, however, Magic Valley Christian went on a tear, outscoring Cole Valley 26-15 the rest of the way.

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"We're in a war, now we got to come out and kill in the first five minutes. That's what we did, and that changed the game."

Playing in the second day of competition at the K & T Steel Invitational Tournament, the Golden Eagles improved to 4-0 and topped the century mark for the third time this year. The Eagles also opened up their vaunted aerial act, scoring three slam dunks in the game's first minute.

Tony Bobbitt and Jason Brazier each added 11 points off the bench and Benjamin Eze tallied 10 for Southern Idaho.

Howard remained winless at 0-5, but not without a physical struggle against the nation's No. 1 team.

"We had a good, physical effort," said Howard coach Tommy Collins. "But (CSI) is just a lot stronger than us now. We're young and we've got to learn how to handle the pressure."

Earlier, Eastern Wyoming (2-4) knocked off defending NJCAA national title, Iowa's Southwestern Community College (4-2) 78-70.

A physical, foul-plagued game saw 58 fouls whistled, but it was CSI's harassing, in-your-face defense that broke down the Hawks, who wilted under 20 CSI steals and 30 Eagle assists. CSI also scored 25 points off 33

Howard turnovers. The Eagles shot 56.5 percent on the game to Howard's 44 percent.

Howard held two leads at 4-2 a minute into game and 15-14 on Chris Acker free throws with 11:51 left. But a 12-1 CSI run opened a 10-point lead with nine minutes to go with another 11-4 run stretching it to 46-22 at five minutes.

But Howard closed the half with a 16-3 answer including two 3-pointers by Ander Pinedo, the last at the buzzer.

E. Wyoming 78, Southeastern 70

Eastern Wyoming's Robert Tomaszek scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Lancers (2-4) past defending NJCAA national champion Southeastern 78-70.

The loss was the season's second for the Blackhaws (4-2), who lost all of four games last year en route to the title. Roy Smiley's 19 points led Southeastern.

Dedy Murairi added 15, Ryan Mantio had 14 and Charles Baker chipped in 12 for the winners. In all of EW's appearances at CSI, the Lancers have never lost to another opponent except Southern Idaho, said coach Bob Davis.

Notes:

• The CSI baseball team has

begin wearing bright yellow Southern Idaho T-shirts emblazoned on the back with "6th Man."

• Tr Arnold missed Friday's game after enduring a night with the flu and fighting a 105-degree fever.

• Zeck's parents, Danny and Dinah, grandfather Ol' Dan, and longtime family friend J.B. Baldwin visited over the weekend.

• During Friday's first game between Southeastern and Eastern Wyoming, a decidedly partisan crowd backed the Lancers from Torrington, Wyo.

• A dozen Blackhawk fans made a trip from Iowa for the tournament.

FOOTBALL

Friday 8:15 PM: Idaho City 12, West Side 7. 8:30 PM: Kamiah 45, West Side 7. 9:00 PM: Century 14, Vallivue 7. 9:30 PM: Snake River 31, Lakeland 20. 10:00 PM: Kendrick 66, Idaho City 46. 10:30 PM: Mackay 22, Hagerman 12. 11:00 PM: Hansen 70, TFCA 13. 11:30 PM: Dietrich 74, Castelford 40. 12:00 PM: Valley 89, Wood River 25. 12:30 PM: MVCHS 26, Cole Valley 19. 1:00 PM: Twin Falls 58, Magic Valley 26. 1:30 PM: Eastern Wyoming 78, Southeastern 70. 2:00 PM: Southern Idaho 78, Southwestern Community College 70. 2:30 PM: CSI 78, Howard 46. 3:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 3:30 PM: SI 78, SC 70. 4:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 4:30 PM: SI 78, SC 70. 5:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 5:30 PM: SI 78, SC 70. 6:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 6:30 PM: SI 78, SC 70. 7:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 7:30 PM: SI 78, SC 70. 8:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 8:30 PM: SI 78, SC 70. 9:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 9:30 PM: SI 78, SC 70. 10:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 10:30 PM: SI 78, SC 70. 11:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 11:30 PM: SI 78, SC 70. 12:00 PM: EW 78, SE 70. 12:30 PM: SI 78, SC 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Panthers cut Jackets to size Seles climbs back in the saddle at Chase

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Trevor Kidd made 30 saves and Pavel Bure, Lem Barrie and Ryan Noyes scored as the Florida Panthers beat expansion Columbus 3-0 to snap the Blue Jackets' win streak at four games.

Columbus tied an NHL expansion record of four straight wins with a 5-1 victory Thursday night. The 1994 Panthers were the last of eight other teams to accomplish the feat. Columbus' best scoring chance came off a slap shot from Steve Maltais with 15 minutes left that Kidd knocked away with his blocker.

Ron Tugnutt made 18 saves for Columbus.

Sabres 3, Wild 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Denis Hamel and Richard Smelik scored five minutes apart early in the first period as the Buffalo Sabres improved to 8-0-2 at HSBC Arena, their best home start since 1989. Maxim Afinogenov scored into an empty net with 17 seconds remaining.

Capitals 4, Canadiens 3

WASHINGTON — Peter Bondra had two goals and an assist to help Washington extend its winning streak against Montreal to four games.

Bondra has 13 goals in 33 career games against Montreal.

Stars 1, Red Wings 0

DETROIT — Brenden Morrow



Columbus' Serge Aubin, left, and Florida's Marcus Nilson struggle for the puck during the first period Friday in Columbus, Ohio.

scored his fifth goal with 3:57 left and Ed Belfour turned away 33 shots for his fourth shutout of the season as the Dallas Stars beat Detroit.

The win extended the Stars' unbeaten streak at Joe Louis Arena to six games over the last three seasons, including winning the last five.

Maple Leafs 2, Lightning 2

TORONTO — Todd Warriner and Mike Johnson, both former Maple Leafs, scored as Tampa Bay skated into a tie with Toronto.

Mats Sundin had two assists for Toronto, which had won its previous 10 games against Tampa Bay.

Flyers 3, Thrashers 2, OT

ATLANTA — Dan McGillis scored the winning goal with 3:55 remaining in overtime as Philadelphia beat Atlanta for its fourth straight victory.

Donald Audette scored with one minute remaining in regulation to move the Thrashers into a 2-2 tie.

NEW YORK (AP) — Monica Seles, flashing the form that made her No. 1 in the world early in her career, pounded out a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Amanda Coetzer on Friday to claim a spot in the semifinals of the \$2 million Chase Championships.

Today, the third-seeded Seles will face the winner of Friday night's late quarterfinal between 17-year-old Kim Clijsters of Belgium and 19-year-old Elena Dementieva of Russia.

Today's other semifinal will pit doubles partners Martina Hingis and Anna Kournikova against each other.

Seles is a three-time winner of this season-ending tournament, but has not captured the title since 1992. Against Coetzer, she showed a game that was reminiscent of those heady, winning days.

The two raced along the baseline, trading long-range laser shots that pounded the court just inside the lines. Seles, playing from just inside the baseline, as she did nearly a decade ago, was a little sharper, hit a little harder and controlled most of the rallies.

Coetzer, at 5-foot-2, one of the shortest players on the WTA Tour, kept Seles close, but never could quite close the gap.

Safin, Kuerten reach Masters semifinals

PARIS — Marat Safin and Gustavo Kuerten, both vying to finish the year at No. 1, advanced to the semifinals of the \$2.95 million Paris Masters on Friday.

Tennis

Safin, the top-ranked player who is seeded second, beat eighth-seeded Alex Corretja of Spain 7-6 (5), 6-3. The Russian repeatedly scolded himself, pointing his finger to his head. "This is a big chance for me to become No. 1," he said.

The top-seeded Kuerten defeated Albert Costa of Spain 6-3, 6-4 in an earlier quarterfinal. Kuerten, the two-time French Open champion, next faces Mark Philippoussis today. The big-serving Aussie, seeded 13th, dented Germany's David Prinosil 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3). Safin will play 12th-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain, a 6-4, 6-7 (10), 7-5 winner over France's Fabrice Santoro.

Bulgarian upsets

Thal star on home turf

PATTAYA, Thailand — Second-seeded Tamarine Tanasugarn lost before her home fans Friday, beaten 7-6 (5), 6-4 by Nadejda Ostrovska of Bulgaria in the quarterfinals of Volvo Women's Open.

Tamarine, who beat 1997 French Open winner Iva Majoli in the second round, was hurt by double faults and unforced errors.

Ostrovska, ranked 108th, will meet third-seeded Anne Kremer of Luxembourg in the semifinals. Kremer defeated South African Jeanette Kruger of South Africa 6-4, 6-1.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Packets	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	6	1.000	0
Philadelphia	10	7	.588	1
Washington	9	8	.524	2
Atlanta	8	9	.471	3
Charlotte	4	14	.281	7.5
Central Division				
Chicago	11	6	1.000	0
Los Angeles	10	7	.588	1
San Antonio	9	8	.524	2
Portland	8	9	.471	3
Golden State	4	14	.281	7.5
Pacific Division				
Los Angeles	11	6	1.000	0
San Antonio	10	7	.588	1
Portland	9	8	.524	2
Golden State	8	9	.471	3
Phoenix	4	14	.281	7.5

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAY

ON TV

- Michigan at Ohio State
KSAW, 10 a.m.
- E. Carolina at WVU
ESPN, 10 a.m.
- Mont. St. at Montana
FSPT, Noon
- Idaho at Boise State
PAXSS, 1 p.m.
- SDSU at Air Force
KTRV, 1 p.m.
- Oregon at Oregon State
KSAW, 1:30 p.m.
- Mississippi at Georgia
ESPN2, 4 p.m.
- Miami at Syracuse
ESPN, 4:30 p.m.
- Florida at Florida State
KNMT, 6 p.m.

GRUDGE BATTLES

Highlights of past games from several of today's top college football rivalry games:

USC-UCLA

1. 1967: With Rose Bowl berth at stake, USC wins 21-20 on O.J. Simpson's 64-yard run early in the fourth quarter. UCLA had just taken a 20-14 lead on Heisman Trophy winner Gary Beban's TD pass but the Bruins missed the extra point.
2. 1990: USC wins 45-42 on a 23-yard pass from Todd Marinovich to Johnnie Morton with 16 seconds remaining. The teams combined for 42 points in the fourth quarter.
3. 1996: UCLA wins 48-41 in double OT, rallying from a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter.
4. 1977: USC wins 29-27 on Frank Jordan's 38-yard field goal with 2 seconds remaining to knock UCLA out of the Rose Bowl.
5. 1969: With Rose Bowl on the line, USC wins 14-12 when Jimmy Jones hits Sam Dickinson with a 32-yard TD pass with 1:32 left.

MICHIGAN-OHIO STATE

1. 1969: First meeting between Michigan coach Bo Schembechler and former boss Woody Hayes. Michigan wins 24-12 in Ann Arbor against a No. 1 Ohio State and denies Hayes' team a second straight national title.
2. 1950: Playing despite a fierce snowstorm, Michigan wins 9-3 in a game that featured 45 punts—many on first down to avoid fumbling. The snow is so bad the centers can't see the punter when they snap the ball. Michigan, which doesn't record a first down, scores a safety and TD on blocked punts.
3. 1973: A 10-10 tie between a No. 1 Ohio State and a No. 4 Michigan creates co-Big Ten champs, with the league sending Ohio State to Rose Bowl and angering Michigan coach Bo Schembechler.
4. 1996: Ohio State comes in undefeated and set to move to No. 1, but a three-loss Michigan team wins 13-9 in Columbus and denies the Buckeyes a chance to win the national title.
5. 1997: Michigan, with Charles Woodson starting on offense and defense, preserves No. 1 ranking with a 20-14 win at Ann Arbor. The Wolverines win Rose Bowl and the AP national title.

CAL-STANFORD

1. 1982: "The Play" gives Cal a 25-20 win. Stanford had a 20-19 lead on a 34-yard field goal by Mark Harmon with 4 seconds left. On the ensuing kickoff, Cal scores on a live-lateral, 57-yard run that ends with the Bears' Kevin Moon runs through the Stanford back and knocks over trombonist Gary Tyrell in the end zone.
2. 1972: Vince Ferragamo hits Steve Sweeney with a final TD pass for Cal's 24-21 victory.
3. 1974: Mike Langford kicks a 50-yard field goal on the final play in Stanford's 22-20 victory.
4. 1990: John Hopkins kicks a 37-yard field goal for a 27-25 Cardinal victory.
5. 1999: Stanford's 31-13 victory gives Cardinal Pac-10 title and Rose Bowl berth.

ALABAMA-AUBURN

1. 1993: With Auburn unable to play on TV because of NCAA probation, thousands of fans watch on big-screen at Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa. The Tigers, under first-year coach Terry Bowden, win 22-14 to cap first 11-0 season.
2. 1992: On eve of game, Auburn coach Pat Dye announces his resignation. 'Bama wins 17-0.
3. 1989: No. 2 Alabama is 10-0 when it plays at Auburn for the first time. The 11th-ranked Tigers win, 30-20. Six years later, 'Bama coach Bill Curry resigns.
4. 1985: Alabama's Van Tillie kicks a 52-yard field goal as time runs out for 52-23 win. The lead changes four times in the final quarter.
5. 1982: Auburn ends Alabama's nine-game winning streak in the series in Bear Bryant's final Iron Bowl. Bo Jackson scores the winning TD.

RIVALRY WEEKEND!

All eyes are on Florida Election takes back seat to football

Knight Ridder News Service

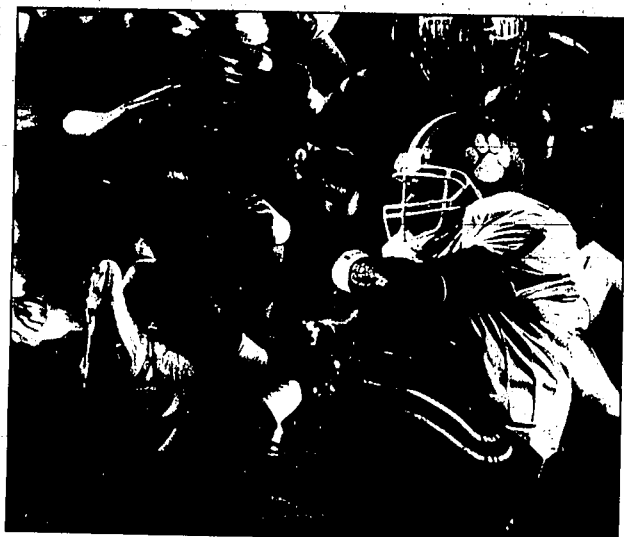
DETROIT — It's Rivalry Weekend, and college football is strangely imitating the presidential election. There are close contests around the country, but the national race boils down to what's happening in Oregon and Florida. And only Florida really matters.

No. 4 Florida and No. 3 Florida State meet in their annual national championship semifinal today. This year, each team needs a little help to sneak into the Bowl Championship Series title game, but the winner still stands an excellent chance.

Year after year, this is a fascinating matchup, not only because the teams are so good but because the coaches are so different. Florida's Steve Spurrier knows he can't just run out and play quarterback, but he really, really wants to, which is why he always has that tortured look on his face.

Florida State's Bobby Bowden is basically a fan with a really good seat. He sometimes doesn't know what play his team is calling. Last year, he gave a sideline interview in the middle of the action—in the national championship game!

Yet Spurrier and Bowden are widely successful, which shows there is more than one way to win, especially if you happen to coach in talent-rich Florida. Today's Spurrier-Bowden battle should be



Florida's State defense swarms Clemson quarterback Woodrow Dantzler during a game in Tallahassee, Fla., last week.

so entertaining, Bowden might even watch it.

Meanwhile, over in Oregon, it's time for the Civil War. That's what they call the annual showdown between Oregon and Oregon State, the one you didn't know existed until this week.

There is no doubt that of all the

rivalries in the country, the Civil War features the absolute ugliest uniforms. Have you seen these things? Oregon looks like old spinnach, and Oregon State must have purchased its uniforms at a half-off sale for Halloween paraphernalia.

Fortunately, they don't give out

Rose Bowl bids to the best-dressed teams. If Oregon wins, the Ducks head to Pasadena. Oregon State needs a win and a Washington loss to earn the Rose Bowl bid.

Coach watch

It's that time of year, when half

the coaches in the nation seem to be on the verge of losing their jobs or leaving for another job.

Alabama's Mike DuBose will face Auburn in the Iron Bowl today before officially stepping down. Alabama was rumored to be looking at Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville as a potential replacement, which would have made Tuberville persona non grata in half the state. But Tuberville received a contract extension.

New Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer and Miami's Butch Davis are mentioned as potential DuBose successors.

Oklahoma State's Bob Simmons quit under pressure, Arizona's Bruce Snyder was fired, Arizona's Paul Hackett appears on thin ice, and West Virginia's Don Nehlen and Brigham Young's LaVell Edwards are retiring.

No word on whether the coaches' association has struck an endorsement deal with AAA.

Other games to watch

• No. 19 Michigan at No. 12 Ohio State, 10 a.m., ABC: Whoever wins could go to the Rose Bowl.

• Illinois at No. 23 Northwestern, 10:10 a.m., ESPN2: If Northwestern wins, the Wildcats could go to the Rose Bowl.

• No. 11 Notre Dame at Rutgers, 1:10 p.m., CBS: A chance to see New Jersey's favorite college team. And also Rutgers.

• No. 2 Miami (Fla.) at Syracuse, 4:30 p.m., ESPN: The Hurricanes need to beat Syracuse and whoever ended their BCS computers.

• No. 4 Florida at No. 3 Florida State, 6 p.m., ABC: Just another quiet night in Tallahassee.

Bengals are anxious to play USU

By Jared Ebon
Idaho State Journal

LOGAN — When Idaho State and Utah State meet today at Romney Stadium, the winner won't be earning a spot in the playoffs or in a bowl game.

And even though the schools are only about 90 minutes apart, there's really not much of a rivalry to get fired up about. But anybody that said a game like this doesn't matter obviously never talked to the coaches and players involved.

"It's a chance to play a Division I-A school, and a chance to step up and set another standard," said Idaho State coach Larry Lewis, "and take another step forward in this program."

Lewis sees the game in Logan not only as an opportunity to play a bigger program, but a chance for his team to do something no one on the roster has ever experienced at ISU — finish the season with a winning record. The 5-5 Bengals can finish 6-5 and make an important statement about the direction

Today's regional games

Mont. St. (5-10) at Montana (9-5), 10:30 a.m.
SDSU (3-6) at Air Force (7-3), 1 p.m.
Muhlb. (8-6) at Butler (0-1), 2:30 p.m.
Stanford (4-6) at Cal (3-7), 3:30 p.m.
Rice (7-7) at Nevada (1-6), 1:30 p.m.
Youngs. St. (5-2) at CS-SLU (3-7), 2 p.m.
Oregon (10-1) at Ore. St. (8-4), 2 p.m.
CSN (4-6) at Portland St. (1-3), 3 p.m.
Idaho St. (5-5) at Utah St. (5-5), 3 p.m.
S. Utah (4-4) at N. Aziz. (3-7), 3:30 p.m.
New Mexico (5-6) at BYU (4-6), 4 p.m.
USC (4-6) at UCLA (4-6), 4:30 p.m.
Wash. (8-3) at Hawaii (4-6), 4:30 p.m.
La. Tech (2-8) at Hawaii (4-6), 4:30 p.m.

the program is heading with a win over the high-scoring Aggies.

Utah State, also 5-5, had its post-season hopes dashed in a loss at Boise State last week. The Aggie offense posted 38 points and had nearly 600 yards of total offense in the game, but shoddy defense and untimely turnovers allowed BSU

to rack up 66 points on the Aggies. USU is led by a pair of previously unproven stars in Emmett White and Jose Fuentes.

White sat in the shadows of Aggie career record holder Demario Brown as a running back for two seasons. After Brown graduated, White took over and there has been no drop-off.

Just two weeks ago, the junior from Ogden shattered the national record for all-purpose yardage racking up nearly 600 yards in one game — he ran for 322 yards, returned 120 yards worth of kicks and caught 134 receiving yards.

White is easily leading the country in all-purpose yardage with a cushion of nearly 50 yards over his closest competitor.

As if stopping White won't be a tough enough task, the Bengals also have to deal with Fuentes. The sophomore took over as starter at midseason and last week threw for 509 yards against Boise State. So far, he has 2,500 yards and has thrown 14 touchdowns with only seven interceptions.

Old foes crave Civil War win

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Dennis Erickson has won two national championships, and admits that some of his friends thought he was "nuts" when he took the job at Oregon State.

Mike Bellotti's calm tone and quiet demeanor disguises a deep desire to prove he can bring a Pac-10 conference title to Oregon on his own for the first time.

The coaches are different in style and personality, but their objective will be the same when the No. 5 Ducks and No. 8 Beavers meet today in the 104th Civil War. A victory would cement the resurgence of two programs on the rise.

"We're both competitors that want to win," Bellotti said. "We both know we don't want to lose this game. We'll have to live with it for years."

Never in the history of this rivalry have both teams been so good at the same time. And for the first time in 35 years, both teams enter the game with a chance of going to the Rose Bowl. Oregon (9-1, 7-0 Pac-10) needs a victory to clinch the berth, while Oregon State (8-1, 6-1) can secure its first Rose Bowl trip since 1964 only if it wins and Washington loses at Washington State.

Erickson turned around programs at Idaho and Washington State before replacing Jimmy



Johnson at Miami. The Hurricanes won national titles in 1989 and 1991 before Erickson left, under looming sanctions from the NCAA, for the NFL's Seattle Seahawks.

After four seasons and a 31-33 record, Erickson was fired in January 1999. Two weeks later, he surprisingly took the job at Corvallis, where the Beavers had not had a winning season since going 6-5 in 1970. From the moment he arrived, he made the players believe in themselves.

"Coach Erickson brings a certain swagger here that we were missing," running back Ken Simonson said. "He walks around like he's 10-foot tall. He didn't

leave room for doubt."

The Beavers broke the streak in Erickson's first try, going 4-0 and appearing in the Oahu Bowl. With higher expectations this season, however, the team stumbled early, struggling past Division I-AA Eastern Washington and lowly regarded New Mexico.

"I wouldn't be telling the truth if I said I thought we'd be 9-1 with a chance to play for a piece of the Pac-10 championship," Erickson said.

If history is a guide, a close game today favors the Ducks. In six years, Oregon is 24-8 in games decided by a touchdown or less, and Beavers' teams are 15-2 in November.

Cougars as spoilers?

No. 6 Huskies will play for the roses today

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Sometime in the first half in today's Apple Cup, No. 6 Washington will know whether it is playing to go to the Rose Bowl.

All eyes will be on the Martin Stadium scoreboard when the final score is posted from Corvallis, Ore., where No. 8 Oregon State plays No. 5 Oregon. If Oregon loses — and Washington goes on to beat the Cougars — then the Huskies are headed for Pasadena.

This is the 100th anniversary of the Apple Cup.

While the Huskies (9-1, 6-1 Pac-10) hope to represent the Pac-10 in the Rose Bowl, the Cougars (4-6, 2-5) will try to make up for a disappointing season.

"We don't really have anything to lose, the Huskies have everything to lose," Washington State freshman quarterback Matt Kegel said. "This is our bowl game, so we're going to play it as if it was our own Rose Bowl."

Washington at
Washington State

Today, 1:30 p.m.

Washington quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo knows the Huskies are bowl-bound, and could play in the Bowl Championship Series no matter the outcome of today's game.

"Whatever happens in that game, it still was a great season for us. But if everything works out Saturday, we will go to a pretty good place, no matter what," he said. "I just want to win. That's all I care about."

Cougars coach Mike Price said he has shrunk the playbook to make the offense easier to run for Kegel, who did not throw an interception against USC. Kegel will make fewer checks and call fewer audibles, but "I feel great about him," Price said.

"I need to make sure I don't give him too much," Price said.



OSU
at
Oregon
Today
1:30 p.m.



Faulk fits back into Rams lineup

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two weeks after arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, Marshall Faulk will be back in the St. Louis Rams' starting lineup.

Coach Mike Martz said after Friday's practice that the running back would play against the Washington Redskins Monday night. Faulk had practiced for two days, with no swelling in the knee

that was operated on Nov. 6 for loose cartilage and torn scar tissue.

"I'd anticipate that he plays for us as much as the knee will allow," Martz said. "The only concern we would have is when you have that surgery, the knee's not as strong as it was, so you have to be careful."

Martz said he was amazed at Faulk's rapid recovery.

"I am," he said. "When you know Marshall, I guess I shouldn't be. Here he is running around like nothing's happened to him."

Faulk hasn't talked about the knee all week, and he had little to say Friday.

"My knee feels good," Faulk said. "That's it."

Faulk has 1,326 yards rushing and receiving, fourth-best in the NFL. He was leading the league when he pulled himself out of the lineup Nov. 5 against the Carolina Panthers.

He leads the NFL with 14 touch-



New England's Kevin Faulk tackles Browns' defensive lineman Orpheus Roye after he recovered a fumble by the Patriots during a November game in Cleveland.

downs, with 771 yards rushing and 555 receiving.

Faulk injured the knee in Week 3 against the San Francisco 49ers.

Bills deactivate Morris vs. Kansas City Chiefs

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Running back Sammy Morris, who leads the Buffalo Bills with five touchdowns, hasn't recovered

from an ankle injury and will miss Sunday's game at Kansas City.

"We have a lot of talent," Ramos said. "The team is fine without me. They're not going to miss me one bit."

The 34-year-old midfielder had eight goals in 87 international appearances, playing for the United States in the 1990, 1994 and 1998 World Cups.

"I never thought I'd get to play in one," Ramos said. "I look back at the whole thing now, and I'm proud of it. We've taken this thing a long way."

Ramos, who will continue to play for the New York/New Jersey MetroStars of Major League Soccer, was part of the team that won 1-0 at Trinidad and Tobago in November 1989 to put the United States in the World Cup for the first time since 1950.

"The No. 1 highlight of the whole thing has to be that game in 1989 when we won at Trinidad," Ramos said. "It was as if Barbados, with the team they had now, made it to the World Cup."

With Claudio Reyna suspended, Ramos played a key role in the central midfield this week as the United States advanced to next year's regional finals of qualifying for the 2002 World Cup.

"Would it be better to leave after making a quarterfinal semifinal appearance in the next World Cup? That would be great," Ramos said. "It isn't really realistic for me to be thinking about the next World Cup. I don't know if my legs are

Antwain Smith and Jonathan Linton, who have played sparingly over the last month, probably will get more time backing up Shawn Bryson, who leads the Bills with 326 yards on 94 carries.

Miami's Thomas misses out against New York Jets

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins linebacker Zach Thomas will miss his fourth consecutive game Sunday because of an ankle injury.

The Dolphins placed Thomas on the inactive list Friday, meaning he will not play against the New York Jets. He said the injury also threatens his availability next week at Indianapolis.

Atlanta's Chandler to start against 49ers

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Falcons quarterback Chris Chandler will start Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers after missing last week's game with a concussion.

The 35-year-old quarterback, plagued by injuries throughout his career, had two concussions in 1997, his first season with the Falcons.

He started the first 10 games this year, though he was forced to leave a game against the New York Giants with severely bruised ribs.

going to take me there, playing with two teams and traveling back and forth."

Ramos played for the United States in the 1988 Seoul Olympics and was the U.S. Soccer Federation player of the year in 1990. He made the decision partly to spend more time with his family.

"Tab was a one-of-a-kind professional who raised the level of play for everyone around him," said U.S. coach Bruce Arena, who brought Ramos back to the national team this year. "His ability with the ball was remarkable, and he was an important part of the growth of the game in recent years."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Costas commends Bush for 'baseball savvy'

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — Bob Costas gave a qualified endorsement to Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush on Friday, commending him for voting against the wild-card playoff system when he co-owned the Texas Rangers.

"I made my arguments and went down in flames," Bush said after the 27-1 vote at a September 1993 owner's meeting. "History will prove me right."

Speaking at a symposium at Smith College on the future of baseball, Costas stressed clear of the political aspects of the presidential race.

But he contended Bush has indeed been proven correct by his vote against splitting the American and National leagues into three divisions each.

"If you could guarantee me that he would run the federal government with that level of insight, I'd call off all recounts right now," Costas joked.

Swiss skier breaks drought at Park City

PARK CITY, Utah — Switzerland's Michael Von Gruenigen raced to his first World Cup giant slalom victory in almost a year Friday, beating Norway's Lasse Kjus by 0.55 seconds.

Von Gruenigen, seventh after the first run, had a combined time of 2 minutes, 32.92 seconds. He has won 16 World Cup giant slaloms, but was winless since December 1999.

Googs makes his return to the Suns' court

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns activated forward Tom Gugliotta on Friday and placed Chris Dudley on the injured list.

Gugliotta's return comes eight months to the day after he underwent major reconstructive surgery on his left knee.

Gugliotta ruptured both the anterior cruciate ligament and the medial collateral ligament, as well as partially rupturing his posterior cruciate ligament and damaging the meniscal attachment to his left knee.

The injury occurred late in a game against Utah on March 10 and he had surgery one week later.

Finn wins snowboard cross in French Alps

TIGNES, France — Joni Vastamaki of Finland won the men's snowboard cross event in poor visibility Friday, opening the International Ski Federation's snowboard World Cup.

In snowboard cross, a kind of roller derby on snow, up to six riders start in a heat. They race down a course that features banked turns, jumps and rolling terrain at the finish.

Defending champs rule Cup of Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Irina Slutskaya and Yevgeny Plushchenko made strong bids to retain their Cup of Russia titles, dominating the short program competition Friday.

Russians also led the pairs competition at the end of the first day of the International Skating Union Grand Prix, with Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze edging China's Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo.

Ice dancers Barbara Fusar-Poli and Maurizio Margaglio of Italy won the compulsory dance.

Compiled from wire reports

Pirates show Kendall the money — \$10 M

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Pirates fans wondered much of the summer how catcher Jason Kendall could possibly turn down a \$60 million, six-year contract.

As it turns out, he didn't.

On Friday, Kendall signed a \$60 million contract much like that he previously rejected last summer.

The deal was completed after the Pirates backed off their demands that more than one-third of the money be deferred; instead, only about \$3 million will be deferred.

"Without question, this is an important day for us," general manager Cam Bonifay said. "He always maintained he wanted to remain with the Pittsburgh Pirates and this contract continues that journey."

Kendall said he wouldn't have stayed in Pittsburgh unless he was convinced a team coming off eight consecutive losing seasons was ready to start winning now.

"I wouldn't have signed here for six more years if I didn't think we couldn't win a world championship here," Kendall said. "I want to win here. I want to get a ring here. And when I get that ring, I'm going to put it under my pillow and try to get another the next year."

Between them, Kendall and outfielder Brian Giles have negotiated deals worth \$105 million this year — or \$10 million more than owner Kevin McClatchy and his backers paid for the team in 1996.

In May, Giles signed a \$45 million, six-year contract, with \$12.5 million deferred until 2006 at 5 percent interest.

Rangers acquire Velarde from Oakland Athletics

ARLINGTON, Texas — Second baseman Randy Velarde was traded from the Oakland

Athletics to the Texas Rangers on Friday for a pair of minor league pitchers left-hander Ryan Cullen and right-hander Aaron Harang.

Velarde hit .278 with 12 homers and 41 RBIs in 122 games with the A's, the AL West champions last season.

Seattle Mariners can't nail down Japan's Suzuki

TOKYO — After two days of talks, the Seattle Mariners were still unable to sign Japan's top hitter.

"Both sides worked very hard at the process," Mariners president Chuck Armstrong said Friday from Kobe. "Some progress was made but there's no result yet."

Armstrong and five other Mariners officials are in Kobe, hoping to land Ichiro Suzuki, the 27-year-old outfielder hit .387 this year and has won seven straight batting titles with the Orix BlueWave in Japan's Pacific League.

Suzuki reportedly is asking for a contract of more than four years and an annual salary of about \$7.4 million. He made about \$5.5 million this season.

Phillies sign Jose Mesa to shore up bullpen

PHILADELPHIA — Jose Mesa agreed to a \$6.8 million, two-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies, trying to shore up a bullpen that had just 34 saves last season.

Mesa was 4-6 with a 5.36 ERA with the Seattle Mariners last season, losing his closer's job to rookie Kazuhiro Sasaki during spring training. Mesa appeared in 66 games, mostly as a setup man, and pitched 80 2-3 innings.

"I think he brings quality and depth to the back end of our bullpen," general manager Ed Wade said Friday.

Soccer's Ramos retires

NEW YORK (AP) — Tab Ramos, a mainstay of the U.S. soccer team for the past decade, retired from the national team Friday, two days after helping the Americans to a 4-0 win at Barbados in a crucial World Cup qualifier.

"We have a lot of talent," Ramos said. "The team is fine without me. They're not going to miss me one bit."

The 34-year-old midfielder had eight goals in 87 international appearances, playing for the United States in the 1990, 1994 and 1998 World Cups.

"I never thought I'd get to play in one," Ramos said. "I look back at the whole thing now, and I'm proud of it. We've taken this thing a long way."

Ramos, who will continue to play for the New York/New Jersey MetroStars of Major League Soccer, was part of the team that won 1-0 at Trinidad and Tobago in November 1989 to put the United States in the World Cup for the first time since 1950.

"The No. 1 highlight of the whole thing has to be that game in 1989 when we won at Trinidad," Ramos said. "It was as if Barbados, with the team they had now, made it to the World Cup."

With Claudio Reyna suspended, Ramos played a key role in the central midfield this week as the United States advanced to next year's regional finals of qualifying for the 2002 World Cup.

"Would it be better to leave after making a quarterfinal semifinal appearance in the next World Cup? That would be great," Ramos said. "It isn't really realistic for me to be thinking about the next World Cup. I don't know if my legs are

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YOUR WEEKEND



Rock on at Roper

What: 311 and Zebrahead will play tonight.
Where: Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School.
When: 7:30 p.m.
How much: Tickets are \$25 at the Music Exchange, by phoning 734-2758, or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>

Sister act

What: The Oakley Valley Arts Council's production of Dan Goggin's "Nonsense II" finishes tonight in Oakley.
Where: Howells Opera House.
When: 8 p.m.
How much: Tickets are \$8 by phoning 677-ARTS from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

Early Thanksgiving dinner

What: Rock Creek Community Church will serve Thanksgiving dinner "flowed by a bazaar Sunday."
Where: Seventh Day Adventist Church on Grandview Drive in Twin Falls.
When: After a church service that begins at 10 a.m.
How much: Free will donation



Free movies

What: Viewing of "X-Men" and "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle Movie."
Where: Odyssey Theater, Magic Valley Mall, Twin Falls.
When: Both movies at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. today.
How much: Free with a can of food

Arts of CSI

What: The Magic Mud art show and fund-raiser for the CSI Fine Arts Department continues today.
Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science, CSI campus, Twin Falls.
When: 1:9 p.m.
How much: Free

Begin Christmas shopping

What: Barton's Club 93 will hold a holiday craft show today and Sunday.
Where: Barton's Club 93 in Jackpot.
When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days
How much: Free

Listen to the music

What: The Magic Philharmonic will perform in Burley tonight with Margie Watson as featured soloist.
Where: King Fine Arts Center on the campus of Burley High School.
When: 7:30 p.m.
How much: Tickets are \$6 for students, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students, by phoning 678-1558, 678-3803 or 436-9435.

Enjoy the fair

What: Twin Falls Farmers Market will hold a country fair today.
Where: National Guard Armory on Frontier Road near the College of Southern Idaho
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today
How much: Free

CSI hoops

What: Finals, K&T Steel Invitational basketball tourney
Where: CSI gymnasium, Twin Falls.
When: 6 p.m.; CSI plays at 8 p.m.
How much: \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, at the door.

Craig seeks wool tariff continuation

By Megan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON - Disputed tariffs, designed to protect domestic lamb producers and wool growers against foreign competitors, need to stay in place, Sen. Larry Craig says.
Craig, R-Idaho, is encouraging the International Trade Commission to keep the tariffs in place for their full three-year duration, despite a recent World Trade Organization ruling that declared the import relief unjustified.
The tariffs were implemented last year to protect U.S. sheep

producers from a flood of lamb imports, largely from New Zealand and Australia.

The ITC has not made any conclusions on the issue, but plans to send a report to the president by Jan. 22, 2001.

"The tariffs imposed by the president work to level the playing field for the sheep growers in Idaho and across the country who have been trying to compete and stay afloat in an unfair marketplace," Craig said in his testimony, delivered Thursday.

Since the tariffs were put in place, Idaho sheep producers have seen a 5 percent increase in lamb stock numbers, as well as

increases in the price of meat.

"The industry is rebounding and it is important to the future of the sheep industry in Idaho and across the country that tariffs are kept in place," Craig said.

Sheep producers have seen increased profits in recent months, but the strength of the U.S. dollar and the resulting devaluation of the currencies in Australia and New Zealand have made the tariffs less effective as wholesalers can once again import lamb products at bargain prices.

Craig also criticized the U.S. Department of Agriculture's lamb market promotion pro-

grams and encouraged the agency to be more aggressive in assisting sheep producers.

The marketing program was designed to help increase sales of domestic lamb products and was part of the Clinton administration's \$100 million assistance plan to sheep and lamb farmers.

"I am disappointed that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been slow in implementing assistance provisions," Craig said. "The department's delays have not allowed the growers to feel the real benefit of the assistance they were promised by the president."

The USDA Wednesday

announced 15 grants totaling nearly \$3.85 million to fund the lamb marketing programs. The agency also expects to announce an additional \$1 million of funding for such marketing programs in the coming months.

"These innovative marketing efforts should help spur demand for U.S. lamb products and help our producers become more competitive," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said in a statement.

Despite these grants, Craig will continue to urge the USDA to be more aggressive in implementing the marketing program, Craig spokesman Will Hart said.

Local artists paint town for millennium

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Images of Twin Falls, both past and present, have been captured by local artists whose work will be displayed downtown through mid-December.

Millennium artist Ted Clausen and the Magic Valley Arts Council challenged local artists to create pieces based on quotes about Twin Falls. Some artists used quotes that Clausen gathered as he searched for text to incorporate in the downtown millennium sculpture. Other artists created their own text.

The millennium project's purpose has been to involve the community in a public art project, said Donna Yule, executive director of the Magic Valley Arts Council.

Twin Falls was one of 50 cities in the nation - one in each state - selected to host an artist in residence. Clausen, from Cambridge, Mass., is among the artists chosen by the Midwestern Arts Foundation to create a national body of artwork celebrating the millennium.

Twin Falls' sculpture will be installed at two downtown sites.

The Magic Valley Arts Council hosted a reception Friday for the local artists show featuring a variety of mediums.

Greg Bartlett fashioned what could be called a Twin Falls city seal from metal. The metal rim from a wagon wheel serves as the frame. He used the metal from a more than 60-year-old water tank to create the scene that incorporates the Perrine Bridge, South Hills, Snake River, farmland and the eagle.

Bartlett based his piece on the quote, "At day's end, this is home." The text is based on interviews with family and friends who summed up their



Greg Bartlett is one of the local artists whose work will be displayed downtown through mid-December.

feelings about Twin Falls.

"When it all came down to it, this was and is home, and if anybody has a chance, they'll come back," he said.

Bev Stone painted a watercolor of Main Avenue businesses based on the quote, "He built that business into what a real family business should be."

Becke Petterson contrasted historical photographs with modern pictures of the same buildings and canyon scenes.

Ralph Lehman's project isn't done, yet. He's creating two watercolor scenes of Main Avenue from a Clarence E. Bisbee glass negative produced in 1910. The project is requiring

a lot of research in the Idaho Room at the Twin Falls Public Library to help piece together details obscured in the print.

Lehman hopes that when he is done, the paintings will allow Twin Falls residents to see what it was like to view downtown Twin Falls from a street corner in 1910.

Burley man appeals marijuana conviction

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley man who had been growing hundreds of marijuana plants at his meat-packing plant received a prison sentence Friday, but his prison time will be postponed while he appeals.

Fifth District Judge Monte B. Carlson sentenced Jason K. Sowers, 22, to two to five years in prison for one count of drug

trafficking and one count of failure to purchase a tax stamp.

But Carlson also granted a motion filed by Sowers' lawyer to delay the judgment. John Bradley argued that Sowers would have completed most of his minimum two years before the lengthy appeal process is over.

Bradley is not appealing the sentence, but rather whether the search warrant that led to Sowers' arrest was written with

"reckless disregard."

Deputy Prosecutor Howard Snyder did not oppose Bradley's motion, although he does not agree with Bradley's argument that the officer who wrote the search warrant did so improperly.

Carlson said he stands by his previous opinion that the search warrant was valid. But he acknowledged that its validity is an important issue.

"I really am not anxious to

have a person serve time and have the (Supreme Court) tell me I'm wrong," Carlson said.

Sowers and his father, Bill Sowers, were arrested in August 1999 after the Department of Fish and Game traced suspect meat products to their packing plant, End of the Road Packing.

Local law officers had been conducting their own drug investigation and used the Fish

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Auctioneer breaks language barrier

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - In an attempt to reach out to the Hispanic community and tap into a new market, a local auctioneer will hold a Spanish-speaking auction today in Rupert.

Tom Williams, owner of Rupert Auction Service, said this is the first event of its kind in the Magic Valley, and perhaps the first of its kind in Idaho.

"None of the other auction companies have taken the time to expand into this area," he

said. "I'm always willing to try something new."

Williams has held many auctions in the area over the years, and while Hispanics make up a good percentage of the attendees, bidders who don't understand English are often frustrated by the process.

Auctions have a flow to them, he said, and if an interpreter were to try to translate everything into Spanish, the flow would be lost.

So, he said, he decided to set

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Alternate route will allow U-turns Pole Line Road to get a facelift

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Signal lights, center medians and U-turn opportunities are among the features planned for a Pole Line Road alternate route around Twin Falls, according to project engineers.

Dale Riedesel of Riedesel Engineering and Vance Henry, an engineer and project manager with Washington Infrastructure Services Inc., gave Twin Falls Highway District officials a glimpse of the project's preliminary design Friday.

The design includes a signal light to help traffic flow at the Washington Street North and Pole Line Road intersection.

Highway district officials have approved the project, as have city and state officials. But the project is not without trade-offs.

Dave Burgess of the county highway district said the district will give up its right to property along Pole Line once the project is complete - but that's not necessarily a bad thing, he said.

The state will take complete control of the road once it's finished. That includes maintenance, Burgess said. The highway district is responsible for maintaining the road now, with help from the city.

Henry said both entities will still be involved with the decision process.

Though many local officials may be content with the plan, some neighbors have complained about it. Residents of the Lazy J Ranch mobile home park have expressed concern about access onto Pole Line. They said a planned center median would block left turns.

Henry said a new entrance into the retirement community will allow both left and right turns. And traffic signals should help gap traffic, making turning easier for Lazy J residents.

Engineers will continue design work over the next year. Construction could start by the fall of 2001.

Road details

A quick look at the proposed alternate route:

What's the goal? To reduce traffic on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls, by routing U.S. Highway 93 traffic around the city's west side.

What's the plan? A two-mile stretch of Pole Line Road, running from Blue Lakes Boulevard west to Grandview Drive, would become a six-lane road. In addition, 2400 East would be upgraded.

How much cost? According to state estimates, some \$10 million. The project would cost between \$40 million, with 80 percent coming from federal highway funds and the remaining 20 percent from the Idaho Transportation Department.

What's next? Engineers will continue designing the project.



AARON BROCK/The Times-News

Court convicts rancher of illegal grazing

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A Nevada rancher who challenged federal authority over the national forest was found guilty Friday of illegally grazing his cattle on government land, and prosecutors said they will ask that he be sent to jail.

U.S. District Judge Howard McKibben in Reno convicted Ruby Valley rancher Cliff Gardner of two criminal misdemeanor counts of trespassing, each punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

The Justice Department prosecuted Gardner after federal

agents found his cattle on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest near Elko, Nev., in April and again in July.

The Forest Service revoked Gardner's grazing permit in 1994 for violating terms and conditions, and won an injunction in U.S. District Court a year later to keep Gardner's cattle out of the national forest.

But Gardner refused to recognize the Forest Service's control of the land and challenged federal ownership in court. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected Gardner's arguments in 1996.

"That's what makes this case unusual — that someone has litigated it in a civil case in District Court and then gone to the 9th Circuit and been told, 'No, they own the land and you are a trespasser,' and yet they continue to do it," Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Sullivan said.

"That's where it becomes a criminal action," Sullivan said. He will ask McKibben to send Gardner to jail. Sentencing is set for Feb. 21.

Gardner did not immediately return telephone messages left at his home.

THE VANRYPERS

RUPERT — Mr. and Mrs. Chuck VanRyper of Rupert will be honored at an open house on Sunday for their 65th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, corner of H and Fifth streets in Rupert.

VanRyper and Lydia Peters were married Nov. 22, 1935, at the Methodist parsonage in Rupert.

They have lived in Rupert most of their lives. The couple had a bee-keeping and honey business for many years and are now retired. They have been active in Rupert Grange for many years



Lydia and Chuck VanRyper

and are active members of the First Baptist Church in Rupert. Their children are Johnny Lloyd VanRyper (deceased), Charles Merlin VanRyper of

Cheney, Wash., and Susan Kay James of Rupert. The couple has five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

SERVICES

Verla Rosevett Larson of Burley services at 1 p.m. today at the LDS 2nd, 4th and 6th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St. in Burley.

A viewing will be held one hour before services today at the church (Hansen Mortuary-Burley Chapel).

Virginia Howard Dolana, services at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Chapel on Fair Street in Buhl (Farver Funeral Chapel).

Beverly Grammer of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 101 Bliss St. in Wendell.

Dorothy Belle Hartwell Gish of Shoshone, services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone. Friends and family will gather at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Shoshone Masonic Hall. Friends and family may call from 1 p.m. today at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Lucille M. Linder of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, 2055 Filber Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Lillius H. Anderson of Burley and formerly of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. in Burley.

Friends and family may call

from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home and from 10-10:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Ray Estes Suddreth of Grangeville, services at 11 a.m. Monday at Grangeville Methodist Church (Noland-Blackmer Funeral Home, Grangeville).

Irene Watkins of Buhl, services at 11 a.m. Monday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Friends may call from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

John E. Gabiola

TWIN FALLS — John E. Gabiola, 88, of Twin Falls died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Thelma Frances Rees

TWIN FALLS — Thelma Frances Rees of Twin Falls died Friday, Nov. 17, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at the patient's request. Admitted: Helen Paxton of Buhl.

Discharged: Romelia Hinojosa of Buhl, Jacqueline Norton of Hansen, Vernon Weaver of Buhl.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at the patient's request. Admitted: Phillip Bare of Declo, Ida Higley of Paul, Moriah Trujillo of Rupert, Ethel Thurber of Rupert, Delores Moller of Rupert.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Stanley W. Burton

Stanley W. Burton, 74, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2000, at Bridgeview Estates.

He was born Aug. 29, 1926, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He married Thelma Sanvick at Twin Falls and she preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death were his parents, a son and two brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his son, David Burton of Twin Falls; his grandchildren, Crystal, Alex, Kilee, and Jacob and his good friends, Mark and Susan Fodness and their family, and Robert Piazza.

The funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2000 at White Mortuary Chapel. Military rites will be given by the Magic Valley Area Veterans and Auxiliary.

Friends may call at White Mortuary on Sunday from 4-8 p.m.

FILER

Ralph Lierman

Ralph Lierman, 78, of Filer, Idaho passed away Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000 at his home in Filer, Idaho.

Ralph was born on Dec. 6, 1921, at Clover, Idaho, the son of Milton and Martha Lierman. His family lived in the Clover Community and he attended school at Clover. At the outset of World War II he moved to Southern California where he worked for Northrup Aircraft Company. While there he completed his high school education. Ralph joined the United States Air Force, and attended and graduated from the Air Force Academy at Michigan State University. While serving in the Air Force, he was a commissioned pilot and flight instructor. Honorably Discharged in 1948.

Ralph returned to the Clover area to farm southwest of Filer, Idaho. Ralph married Ruby Satterfield on Dec. 9, 1949, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Ralph enjoyed farming, ranching, fishing, and his grandchildren. He was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents Milton and Martha Lierman and a sister, Ruby Wagner.

He is survived by his wife of almost 51 years; a daughter and two sons, Sheri of Missoula, Mont., and John of Filer, Idaho; four grandchildren, Brian, Jason, and Jason, and a sister, Thelma Knip of Paul, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, 2000, at Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens St., Filer, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to either the Peace Lutheran Building Fund, c/o Kent Lierman, 1947 E. 3600 N. Filer, ID, 83328 or the Hill Air Force Aerospac Heritage Foundation, c/o Brent Lierman, 831 16th Ave. E., Jerome, ID, 83338.

TWIN FALLS

Ray Earl Sherwood

Ray Earl Sherwood, age 73, passed away at his home in Twin Falls on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000 after a prolonged illness.

He was born Dec. 14, 1926, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Idaho and Helen Jones Sherwood. He attended schools in Pocatello and graduated from Pocatello High School in 1945.

Ray worked for the Douglas Aircraft Company in May, 1952. Ray owned and operated Sherwood's Sports until he retired in the late 80's. At one time he not only had a store in the Lynwood Shopping Center in Burley and Jerome, Ray loved sports, especially football and golf. He played football for Pocatello, Idaho, to Idaho and Helen Jones Sherwood. He attended schools in Pocatello and graduated from Pocatello High School in 1945.

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enjoying retirement, golf, and the warm weather.

Ray is survived by his wife; four brothers and one sister as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Memorial services for Ray Sherwood will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2000, at White Mortuary Chapel with Father Brian Thom officiating. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association, Idaho Affiliate, Inc., 1111 S. Orchard St., #234, Boise, Idaho 83705, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

HAGERMAN

Antonio 'Tony' Echevarrieta

Antonio 'Tony' Echevarrieta, formerly of Hagerman, died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2000, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center, at the age of 90.

Tony was born on May 4, 1910, a very proud B issue, in Rigolita, Vizcaya, Spain, into a very large family. He was the son of Alejandro Echevarrieta and Eustaquia Guezuraga. Tony lived in Spain until the age of 13, at which time he jumped onto a ship as a stowaway and headed for the United States. The captain that found him led him and taught him how to write and read some English. Tony washed windows on the skyscrapers in New York City and worked as a mechanic for a Ford dealership. Tony came to work for Roy and Ona Vador, owners of Salmon Falls Sheep Company in his early 20's, herding sheep, and soon becoming top herdsman. He was always very honest, hard working and dedicated to the Vador's company and to all his friends.

Tony married Rita Green around 1950, but later divorced, there were no children from this union. Tony's family was considered to be Roy and Ona Vador and the Hensley families, which loved him. Tony had only one brother who also came to America, he lived in Nevada and was shot by a robber about 25 years ago. Tony never returned to Spain.

Tony was a resident of Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center since 1992. They took very good care of him and showed love and friendship to him always. We give our thanks to them.

Graveside funeral services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at 3 p.m. at the Hagerman Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Deep Creek and West End residents say they pay for fire protection like everyone else and they want to see a fire substation built to serve them.

But the Buhl Rural Fire District said the money just isn't there right now.

Rupert recently presented a petition with more than 100 signatures Buhl Rural Fire District Commissioners Larry Ainsworth, Kip Bloss and Benny Ekert.

The petition, which resident Charles Hill presented to the commissioners earlier this month, asked for their confirmation of plans to build a substation opposite Banbury Hot Springs. Noting the land and the use of geothermal water had been donated for the facility, the petitioners wanted to know why plans had not been submitted.

The petition stated that fire insurance on homes in the area is substantially higher due to the distance from the Buhl city fire station where the equipment is housed. They said they also believe the area has not been served with timely and adequate service. The area runs down U.S. Highway 38 to Black Bear corner, over the hill to Salmon Falls Creek, over the Snake River and along the river to Clear Lake Road.

Commissioner Ainsworth said plans for a substation had been discussed but it was never promised. He said the district's long-term plan includes three substations in the West End areas but funds are not available at this time.

Ainsworth added that residents outside city limits pay an unproportioned rate and the rate is the same throughout the rural district. Currently, property owners pay .00024 per \$1,000 on improved property values for fire protection. Land is not taxed.

The petition requested a written reply from the commissioners within five days.

Commissioners Ainsworth and Bloss complied with the request. Ekert did not sign the letter.

In the letter, Ainsworth said the future plans still call for a substation in the area but the district would have to wait until it had enough money to build the substation.

"At the present time funding is not available but long-term plans still call for a substation in that area and when funding becomes available, we will reconsider building it," Ainsworth said. "At this point and time it is not feasible."

Ainsworth's answer did not satisfy Charles Hill who said he had no comment.

Dorothy Hill said she was happy to get an answer. "We have no quarrel with the district," Dorothy Hill said. "We just wanted an answer as to when we could expect a substation in our area."

The district estimates the Banbury substation project would cost about \$223,000 plus site preparation and landscaping. The use of the geothermal water was also in question with a moratorium on hot water in the area. The project would include an earthquake safe building with quarters and trailers.

The petitioners said they believe the substation was scrapped in favor of purchasing a new firetruck, but Ainsworth said the truck was ordered two years ago and it takes about a year and a half to build the truck to specifications. The new \$275,000 tanker, which replaced a 24-year-old tanker, is able to carry a larger supply of water and it services the entire district.

Ainsworth said the district had also had a request to build a station in the Clover area which is farther away from Buhl than the Banbury site. He said to build now would require an increase in taxes to all homeowners and the commission felt the district economy could not stand an increase at this time. He said the district doesn't have the matching funds that would be required to obtain a federal grant.

Times-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached in Buhl at 543-8854.

FOR THE RECORD

Cassia County

BURLEY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Drunken-driving sentences

Ruben Avina Ramirez, 39, 120 W. 700 S., Burley; misdemeanor; found guilty; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days' jail, 88 days suspended, 18 months probation, six months driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jesus Murillo Salazar, 66, 850 Burton Ave., Burley; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$148.50 court costs, 180 days' jail, 175 days suspended, 24 months probation, 180 days driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Rafael Martinez Arizmendi, 25, 110 E. Second, Rupert; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days' jail, one year probation, six months driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Veronica Vasquez, 20, P.O. Box 122, Heyburn; misdemeanor; under age 21; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$125 fine, \$78.50 court costs, one year probation, six months driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

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Drunken-driving sentences

Johnny Ramos Trujillo, 20, 3035 Hillcrest St., Burley; felony, aggravated, amended to misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days' jail, 80 days suspended, two years probation, 90 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jesus Murillo Salazar, 66, 850 Burton Ave., Burley; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$148.50 court costs, 180 days' jail, 175 days suspended, 24 months probation, 180 days driver's license suspension, time credited; three days Mini-Cassia Work Program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony dismissals
Todd Poppleton, 35, 300 N. 300

E. Logan, Utah; three counts no account check fraud, two dismissed, one amended to insufficient funds check fraud, pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days' jail, 30 days suspended, one year probation to 25.37 total restitution due to victims; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Sentences
Carlos Barrera Garcia, 30, P.O. Box 918, Heyburn; one count first-degree kidnapping, dismissed, one count second-degree kidnapping amended to misdemeanor custodial interference; kidnapping; pleaded guilty; \$182.50 fine, \$182.50 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, 180 days' jail, 10 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

New hospital to open in Ketchum

KETCHUM - The new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center will officially open its doors at 9 a.m. Sunday.

The \$32 million, 110,000-square-foot non-profit hospital will serve the needs of residents in the Wood River Valley and surrounding communities.

"This is an exciting time for the health of this community," said Jon Moses, CEO of St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, in a news release. "It's taken a lot of hard work and dedication, but today, we truly become a part of the St. Luke's family."

The community hospital will offer a full range of health care services, including critical care, maternity, pediatric care, comprehensive surgery services, diagnostic services, laboratory services, cardiopulmonary care and physical therapy services.

The hospital staff will include more than 40 primary care and specialty physicians.

With the opening of the new hospital, the two existing hospitals in Hailey and Sun Valley will close. A new urgent care center will open in Hailey on Sunday to serve residents in need of quick attention for a minor injury or illness but who don't need the intensive level of care provided in a hospital emergency room.

Fund-raiser generates help for Thanksgiving baskets

TWIN FALLS - A fund-raiser, concluding today, has already generated some \$700 in food and cash donations for the South Central Community Action Agency.

Donations will be taken today at the Albertson's store on Pole Line Road. Cash donations, and

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donations of food suitable for Thanksgiving baskets, are welcome.

Announcers from KMXV Mix 103 will broadcast from the fund-raiser today, through midnight.

Board delays Dietrich annexation decision

LEWISTON - Hidden Valley residents will need to wait longer before they know whether they can hold an annexation election to join Dietrich School District. The State Board of Education Friday sent the issue back to a hearing officer, because it wants more information about tax implications since a large chunk of federal land is involved in the annexation request.

Hidden Valley families have positioned to hold an annexation election to vote on leaving Shoshone School District and joining Dietrich School District, where they have historically sent their children. Dietrich is 8 miles closer to Hidden Valley than Shoshone.

The State Board also wants more information on where Hidden Valley residents have chosen to attend school - Dietrich or Shoshone. Shoshone School District says some Hidden Valley children have attended its schools in the recent past.

The hearing officer's initial report stated that Shoshone School District would lose \$4.2 million in its market value if Hidden Valley residents chose to be annexed into Dietrich School District. Shoshone has protested the

annexation because of the loss to its tax base. Shoshone also raised the issue of whether federal land should be included in the annexation proposal. Federal land is included in the proposal to take the Hidden Valley area can reach the Dietrich School District.

Dietrich forms drug testing committee

DIETRICH - The Dietrich School Board has formed a committee to study the possibility of adopting student and employee drug testing.

Dietrich administrators and staff think that testing staff would set an example for the community and testing students in extracurricular activities would diminish student drug use, the district reported.

Other School Board business reported by Dietrich School District this week included approval to hold teacher training Wednesday for a half day. The School Board also raised adult school lunch prices from \$2.25 to \$2.30 at the direction of the Idaho Department of Education.

Ministerial Association will hold Thanksgiving service

BUHL - West End Ministerial Association will hold a community Thanksgiving service at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Buhl First Baptist Church, 400 Ninth Ave. N.

Special music will be provided by the Jordan River Band. A community offering will be taken to help provide for Christmas baskets.

For more information, call the Rev. Gay Jeffery at 537-6720.

- compiled from staff reports

Plane disappears in Hells Canyon

The Associated Press

A small private plane carrying an Idaho Power Co. biologist was missing Friday after it disappeared under way in Hells Canyon, along the Idaho-Oregon border.

Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez said the plane was flying under contract with Baker Aircraft in Idaho City, Ore.

Baker County Undersheriff Ken Dunlevy said the plane was piloted by Brian Moody, owner of Baker Aircraft. Keith Williams of Spokane, Wash., an environmental assistant, was a passenger.

Moody and Williams left

Baker City Thursday morning and were en route to the Snake River's Hells Canyon to track moose deer fitted with radio collars as part of a study Idaho Power is doing for its dam relicensing process, Lopez said.

Williams had been conducting the survey for the company for the past month, Lopez said.

The flight was scheduled to land at the company's private airport at Oxbow about 3 p.m. Thursday, but never arrived, Lopez said.

"There was no report of any trouble or anything else," he said. "We know they're overdue obviously, but we have no evi-

dence of a crash."

The Idaho Division of Aeronautics was coordinating a search of the Idaho side of Hells Canyon, including two helicopters leased by Idaho Power.

Lopez said Oregon State Police were coordinating the search on the Oregon side, in which four aircraft are involved.

The missing plane was carrying two emergency locator transmitters, but no signal had been detected by searchers by Friday evening, Dunlevy said.

"I can only assume they were forced down somewhere, probably on the Idaho side," Dunlevy said.

Rancher would like to fly with cranes again

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) - Idaho rancher Kent Clegg, whose ultralight plane once led flocks of sandhill and whooping cranes to New Mexico in an attempt to drum up support to revive the whooping crane migration program in the West.

Scientists who began work on a whooping crane flyway from Canada to New Mexico in the 1970s, decided late last year to let the program phase out.

Clegg spent two autumns, 1995 and 1996, using an ultralight to lead sandhill cranes to the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in central New Mexico. His last flight, in 1997, also led four endangered whooping

cranes. The flights were meant to help the birds establish a migratory pattern.

He told a group of schoolchildren a wildlife conference here this week that he would love to fly with the cranes again.

But the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has decided there was not enough support from the states along the path. Clegg said the lack of support included New Mexico, where the birds spend the winter, and his southeastern Idaho ranch, where they spend the summer.

Clegg said temporary one-year permits from the states in his flight path, said Tom Stehn, whooping crane coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife Service at

the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas.

Whooping cranes, nearly extinct in the 1940s, have never been embraced by politicians in the West for fear they could interfere with hunting for other birds, such as snow geese and sandhill cranes. Developers also have seen the endangered whoopers as potential impediments.

Stehn said agricultural development in southern Colorado's San Luis Valley has made it dangerous for crane migration. Power lines have multiplied as farmers use electricity to run irrigation machinery in the center of fields cranes traditionally use as stops on their migration.

Appeal

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and game investigation to obtain a warrant. Bradley has argued that police shouldn't have piggy-backed on the Fish and Game investigation, and that the officer should have corrected errors in his affidavit.

Bradley asked Carlson Friday to put James Sowers on a four-month substance abuse program that is an alternative to prison - arguing that he is only a first-time felon.

Bradley also pointed to evidence that Sowers has undergone a significant attitude change since his arrest. Sowers now has a wife and a baby, and he holds a steady job that enables him to support his family, Bradley said.

Bid

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aside a day to try out an auction in Spanish. It helps that Ken Erikson, Williams' auctioneer, is bilingual and can conduct the event in either language.

If the auction is a success, Williams will try to hold a Spanish-speaking auction every two weeks.

"I think 50 to 75 people would be a good turnout," he said. "But I always say, if you've got two people, you've got an auction."

Smysler argued for a two-to-five-year sentence, saying the substance-abuse program was too light for the crime Sowers committed.

"He's actually manufacturing marijuana," said Smyser, who added that the very size of the operation merits a stiff penalty. "It's too big a drug circumstance in my mind."

Sowers briefly apologized to the court.

"All I can say is I made a mistake, and I'm sorry," he said.

In his decision, Carlson emphasized the seriousness of the crime and said the sentence must be "somewhat harsh."

"I'd like to send a message ... that this judge is not going to tolerate drugs and drug suppliers

in this community," Carlson said.

Carlson said he wasn't convinced Sowers wouldn't traffic in drugs again if faced with the "lure of high profits."

After he granted Bradley's motion to delay imprisonment, Carlson asked to be informed if Sowers engages in drug activity while he awaits his appeal.

Bill Sowers awaits sentencing in January on a similar drug trafficking charge stemming from the same incident. Bill Sowers changed his plea to guilty Nov. 8.

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Williams said that he has advertised with a local Spanish-speaking radio station, and has also given out 600 to 700 fliers to Hispanic businesses in the area.

There is a detailed description and explanation of the auction process on the fliers, he said.

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Rupert turns eye to future

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The city's population is getting old, and the population seems to be slipping. And that's a concern.

"There's nothing to keep a younger person here," city clerk Linda Price said at a meeting of city leaders Friday.

Rupert does not want to follow the fate of Minidoka, city administrator Roger Bagley said. Once Minidoka was the center of Minidoka, but its population has dwindled.

Close to 20 leaders from the Rupert community met Friday at City Hall to begin discussing the problems facing the town - in hopes of coming up with some solutions today. A recurring theme was the city's dwindling and aging population.

City leaders are concerned, even though Rupert's population has appeared to increase somewhat - with a 1996 estimated population of 5,669, up from a 1990 U.S. Census figure of 5,455.

Many people are happy to live in Rupert, and think it is a nice place to raise children, but don't want to get involved as an active part of the solution, Mayor Audrey Newirth said.

So city leaders want to make some changes.

Small changes made now, with an eye toward the future, will be cheaper and more effective than changes made later when things are worse, City Council member Steve Barras said.

"If we do nothing, we're going



Rupert City Council members Steve Barras, left, and Layne Rutashka sketch out ideas at Rupert's strategic planning workshop Friday. City leaders joined to discuss the problems facing Rupert, and to try to make plans for the future.

to get nothing," City Council member Robert Christensen said.

City Council members and other city employees are meeting through today, hoping to formulate a plan to help Rupert progress.

"In order to better the community, you've got to have a plan to get there," said consultant David Patton, director for the Center for Public Policy and Administration at Boise State University.

And the plan, he said, had to

be a comprehensive effort of the entire group.

The group focused Friday on determining the problems facing Rupert. Today, it will work more on solving the problems.

"We are all in this thing together, in terms of making this city a good place to live and a good place to work," Bagley said.

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BLM, cattleman reach agreement

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - "The BLM's worst enemy" is the product of hard work and the willingness of reasonable people to work together, Warner said.

"We are hopeful that the remaining issues involving these cattle can be resolved in the same fashion."

Calls to Griffin were not immediately returned Friday night. Ranchers from Utah, Arizona and Nevada went to the auction house on Nov. 7 and took the 51 cattle, which were impounded last month by the Bureau of Land Management.

The ranchers say they were helping fellow ranchers Griffin

and Mary Bulloch of Kanab, whose cattle cows were impounded. Bulloch and Griffin missed a deadline to remove their cattle from an over-grazed, drought-stricken portion of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

The ranchers went to the auction yard after convincing the Sevier County attorney to advise the sheriff to release the cattle to Bulloch.

Warner had told Sevier County not to release the animals, but Sheriff Phil Barney later said he released the cows to prevent "another Waco."

Council considers cat corraling ordinance

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Panhandle Health District officials said.

The ordinance would require cat owners to maintain control of their pets just as dog owners must do.

City attorneys said the measure is similar to some already in place in Pocatello and Blackfoot, and is broader than just cats.

Council members asked for the ordinance after receiving complaints from people fed up with finding cat droppings on their property.

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Leroy Tripp, operations manager for The Watson Agency, initially laughed over a law to corral cats.

"We're going to need a lot of cat traps," he said. "It's going to be a lot of changes to be able to do cats. Because we're not geared to do cats right now."

It also begs the question of what to do with all the trapped cats.

Some with identification could be taken home. But others would go to the Kootenai Humane Society's shelter, which currently has 80 cats in three rooms. Kennel attendant Donna Fene said the shelter sometimes euthanizes 20 cats a day.

Councilman Chris Copstead is committed to passing the ordinance.

"The key is to give it some teeth," he said. "If I've got an animal in my yard, I can pick up the phone and say it's here, and it shouldn't be."

Judge orders discharged federal bankruptcy trustee back to work

BOISE (AP) - Bernie Rakovsky has his job back.

Earlier this year, he was fired from his post as a federal bankruptcy trustee after uttering a curse word in the word during a hearing held the first week in February.

He was fired soon after. His actions in the hearing cost him his state appointment to the bankruptcy court.

Rakovsky withdrew his name after senators made it clear they would not confirm him.

This spring, the committee's chairman, Gordon Crow of Hayden, said his recollection was different from Rakovsky's. The explanation came too late.

There was a stumbling, bumbling attempt after he was called on the carpet for the remark to explain that. Crow said in May,

carry diseases of their own. Panhandle Health District officials said.

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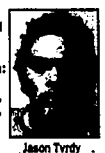
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Idaho education board considers higher college math requirements

LEWISTON (AP) — In a wide-ranging discussion, the State Board of Education took on issues from the number of math credits college-bound students should have to the impact on Idaho's education structure of the conversion of Ricks College to a four-year university.

Throughout the day, board members talked about raising the high school mathematics requirement for admission into a six-year public institution from four to eight credits. The board's goal is to emphasize engineering and technology programs in colleges throughout the state.

And the day after Ricks College President David Bednar announced a \$150-per-semester tuition increase as the two-year school expands to become BYU-Idaho, he and academic vice president Don Bird discussed new academic programs the four-year university will offer.

Although the expansion will siphon off many students who now move from Ricks to other Idaho public universities to finish their four-year degrees, board members supported the plan and encouraged Ricks officials to continue cooperative efforts with other state colleges,

especially in the nursing and technology.

Boise State University presented its plan for the proposed construction of a campus near Nampa that would augment programs on the main campus in Boise. President Charles Ruch told the board that the Boise campus is stretched to the limit. He said the satellite campus is necessary to accommodate the increasing number of students commuting from Canyon County.

And those who want to teach in Idaho might have to take the PRAXIS II exam.

Boise police issue warrant for woman who an faked attack on Greenbelt

BOISE (AP) — A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a 20-year-old Boise woman who police say admitted lying about being attacked in October on the Greenbelt.

Kristine Michele Bellis is accused of filing a false report after she told police she had been attacked by a man who pushed her down a ravine, yanked off her boots and jeans and attempted to rape her Oct. 21.

If convicted of the charges, Bellis could get up to six months in jail and a \$300 fine.

"We want to send a message in

this case," Boise Police Lt. Jim Tibbs said. "Normally, we would issue a ticket or a summons, but this was different, especially when you factor in the fear that was already in the community."

The false report came weeks after Bellis found the body of slain flight attendant Lynn Henneman in the Boise River, near the Greenbelt.

Dozens of officers and the task force that was assembled to investigate the Henneman slaying responded within minutes of hearing Bellis' story.

"We sent bloodhounds, a number of officers and a helicopter

down there," Tibbs said. "When it reaches that level, we want restriction."

The police department is seeking to be reimbursed for the \$6,500 spent to investigate the false report, Tibbs said.

Bellis later recanted her story and told police that she took off her own pants and threw them, along with her cell phone and day planner, in the river before flagging down customers at the Cottonwood Grill restaurant.

The \$500 warrant that was issued means Bellis could be released if she is able to post the bond.

Fuel cells could cut need for power lines

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — A machine the size of an office copier could one day bring heat and light to thousands of homes in the West at locations so remote they're out of reach of electrical transmission lines.

Fuel cells, essentially batteries that don't go dead, run on oxygen and hydrogen and have the potential to replace wood stoves, noisy generators and kerosene lamps for those living off the grid.

A half-century ago, the electrification of Washington was so limited that some 80 percent of the state geographically relied on alternative sources of energy, something known as distributed generation, said Greg Smith, vice president of generation for Energy Northwest, which operates the region's only nuclear power plant, 10 miles north of here.

"What goes around comes around," he says. "The future of electricity, at least for residential customers, may be where we're going back to."

Energy Northwest, a public power consortium of 13 utilities, is participating in a Bonneville Power Administration test of Bend, Ore.-based IdaTech's fuel cells.

The Energy Northwest fuel cell has a steady-state capacity of three kilowatts and can handle peak loads of about five kilowatts — the power demand of an average home.

Fueled with methanol, it is supposed to last indefinitely, although that's still to be determined.

The first-generation fuel cell has had some reliability problems with automatic shutdowns, but "it's very close to being a very practical device," says Stan Davidson, a resource development specialist for Energy Northwest.

The second generation of fuel cells from IdaTech, a subsidiary of Boise-based Idacorp, are expected to be ready for testing



Stan Davidson, a resource development specialist with Energy Northwest, stands in front of a prototype fuel-cell Monday in Richland, Wash.

early next year, and BPA has said it will work with utilities to place some in homes.

At \$25,000 each, these machines are not yet priced for most homeowners. But the cost per unit is expected to drop eventually to the \$5,000 to \$7,000 range.

BPA, a federal power marketing agency in Portland, Ore., calls these experimental fuel cells "electricity in a box," a clean, green form of energy with potential for residential and small commercial use.

"BPA sees the future of generation will probably have a lot of distributed generation," says Tom Osborn, a mechanical engineer for the agency.

Survivalists and people with mountain homes aren't the only likely customers. Fuel cells could provide backup power for farms, small businesses and enterprises

such as hospitals, which could be thrown into chaos without electricity.

In the power generation realm, Osborn compares the fuel cell's place to that of cellular phones in telecommunications. While just about everyone has a land line telephone, a lot of people use cell phones as well. In China, notably, he says, people who had lived for years without phone lines to their

homes went straight to cell service.

Smith says the green aspect of fuel cells may attract some customers, even at costs 25 percent to 30 percent above big-generation rates.

The first fuel cell was built in 1839, but serious interest in it as an electricity generator began in the 1950s with NASA's Apollo space program.

Weather hampers Nevada efforts to rehab fire areas

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A dry summer and an early winter are hampering the collection of seeds needed to replant vast portions of northern Nevada destroyed by wildfires the past two years.

"To start with, we had almost drought-like conditions from spring through summer until about now," said Kim Toulouse of the Nevada Division of Wildlife. "The plants are all stressed out to start with. They didn't start to set seed until real late."

Then early snow and cold came to much of northern Nevada.

"The seed pods and the plants just locked up tight," Toulouse said Friday.

Or, as is the case with mountain sagebrush, the seeds are ready but inaccessible, thanks to a blanket of snow above the 6,500-foot level where the plants grow.

"It wasn't ready, it wasn't ready, now it's ready and we can't get to it," he said.

Seeds from other varieties of sagebrush that grow at lower elevations should be ready to gather in about a week to 10 days, Toulouse added.

Last year, after wildfires burned a record 1.6 million acres in Nevada, volunteer seed-collecting programs began in September. This year fires blackened 636,000 acres in the state.

"By this time last year we were almost done with our seed collec-

tion," Toulouse said.

The efforts of the 298 volunteers yielded 125 pounds of rabbitbrush, 816 pounds of salbrush and 400 pounds of sagebrush seed, after chaff and other materials were removed, he said.

This year, the volunteer program has yet to begin. The wildlife agency hopes to start collecting with volunteers Dec. 2 and continue each Saturday through the first part of January, weather permitting.

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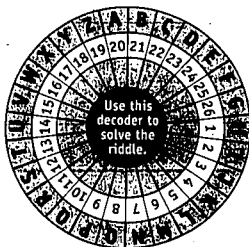


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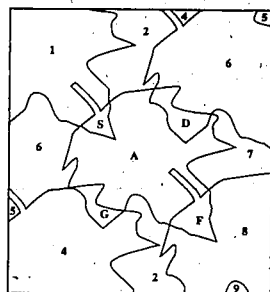
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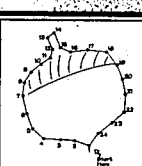
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Religion in America seems headed for turbulent times

"If you want trouble, I come from where they make it." To tell the truth, I come from Iowa, and most of the trouble - the violent kind - has already been run out of town. They don't make trouble in Iowa; they just tolerate it until the next dump truck rumbles down main street. But I couldn't resist using that little quote from one of Raymond Chandler's stories, "The King in Yellow." Because if you want trouble, the religious kind, it seems to me that people in the United States are sitting on the edge of a pit of chaos.

I believe that the next couple of years are going to see headline Christianity fighting hard battles over whether to ordain sexually active homosexual clergy. Already, there is a congregation poised to defy church doctrine and ordain an eminently qualified woman as a pastor of the denomination. In the next few months, if the church body cannot bend its rules, this small congregation will step away from the parent body and declare this woman a pastor of the denomination.

Then all heck could break loose, or hell if that is your preference, because there are many mainline Christian people who will not tolerate practicing gay men or lesbians in their pulpits.

And when that controversy breaks loose in one denomination, the progressive people in every mainline church body will jump into the fray, and by the end of the first decade of the 21st century, the mainline church could have battle scars all over its holy carcass.

The same is true of the other great controversy of the past decades, abortion, which has torn great holes in some denominations and sent conservative Christians fluttering into their protected nests. But now with the abortion drug RU-486, one has to wonder how the debate will change. If a woman can get a prescription filled by any doctor, how will the abortion fighters know who is guilty and who is innocent? How will they keep statistics, and how can they stay with any certainty that abortion is increasing?

And there is more trouble on the way. For instance, what will happen to the Roman Catholic Church when the current pope, the beloved John Paul II, grows weaker with age and illness? What will happen when the holy man dies? Will progressive Catholics in Third World countries wrest control from conservatives as the Vatican's Joseph Ratzinger and push for a pope who can lead the church boldly into this century? Or will the same old power coalitions drive the church backward until it collides with Catholicism of the past?

The same question can be asked of evangelical churches as they cling in desperation to memories of great evangelists of the past 50 years, including Billy Graham. Someone in his presence once stated that the history of evangelical Christianity goes only as far back as the first Graham crusades. If that is true, then what will happen as the Graham name slides into memory and no longer driving the fervency of evangelists? Must conservative Christians have an attractive hero who can mythically lead them into victory? Or can they develop new icons that will inform and excite people?

The other trouble is less urgent - the emergence of world religions not only in cities but in small towns and hamlets across the nation. How will good Christians and Jews, who have enjoyed the comfort of American tolerance - react to Hindus and Muslims and Jains and Buddhists?

Next year, the Dalai Lama is expected to tour the United States to encourage Tibetan emigrants and strengthen their knowledge of rituals and Buddhist doctrine. How will America react?

Story may tell all we need to know about the future of religion in America.

Clark Morpew is an ordained clergyman and is religion writer for the Saint Paul Pioneer Press.



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Surrounded by his many books and his computer, Praise Chapel's new pastor, Brian Robyn, is getting to know his new congregation. He says he's delighted at the enthusiasm in the church.

Chapel, new pastor prepare for Outreach Sunday

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - As Mini-Cassia's Praise Chapel gears up for outreach Sunday, its new pastor's anticipation also grows.

"Nov. 26 is the day that we hope new people will try us out," Brian Robyn said. "We're encouraging members to bring their friends, and we'll be announcing the day through various media. I'll be giving an illustrated sermon called 'Roadblocks to Hell,' about the different things God has done to make sure people end up in heaven."

Robyn and his family came to Praise Chapel on Father's Day,

just weeks after the departure of Pastor Vaughn Wood. The Woods are planting a new church in the Spokane area.

"We began to sense in Klamath Falls that, although our ministry was thriving, it was time for a change," Robyn said. "That wasn't an easy idea for various reasons. We loved our church congregation, and Klamath Falls was all our children had ever known."

Robyn and his wife, Pam, have spent time helping their children adjust to the new community. He said there are many similarities between Klamath Falls, a medium-sized community where potatoes are raised, and the Mini-Cassia area.

Interested?

Pastor Brian Robyn invites anyone interested to attend services at Praise Chapel, Eighth and B streets in Rupert (diagonally from Kelley Bean Company). The church is part of the Open Bible Standard Church denomination and is moderately Pentecostal. In addition to Sunday services, there are youth and children's ministries, Christian preschool, special activities, a Saturday night service and a theological institute. For times, call 438-0449 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

"I attended church regularly with my parents, and I knew that their faith in the Lord was genuine," said Robyn, who was raised in a Christian family.

He went on to talk about when he was 8 years old, in Vacation Bible School, saying yes to a personal relationship with the savior.

"It hit me," he recalled. "It wasn't enough that my parents knew Christ. He was there for me, too, and I had to make my own way with him."

By junior high, Robyn realized he wanted to be in full-time ministry.

At Eugene Bible College in Oregon, he met the young woman who would become his wife. Since their marriage and his ordination, she has been involved with him in a shared

ministry. "Pam spoke at the recent annual women's retreat, and she will eventually become involved in some capacity in the women's Bible study program here at Praise Chapel," Robyn explained. "This is such an enthusiastic group of believers. This church has a reputation for exciting, contemporary worship, and it works because of the people's love for one another."

Kay Adams, who is in charge of women's ministry at Praise Chapel, said the congregation is grateful for Pastor Robyn. "He's just great," she said. "We hated to lose Vaughn, but Brian Robyn just stepped in and has done a wonderful job."

Christian education teacher works with teenagers

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - Dan Martin left Atlanta, Ga., to come to Minidoka County and teach Christian education. After six years of Youth For Christ, he had opted out of the city and into a rural community.

"I grew up in a Christian family that was always moving," Martin said. "My dad was a career military officer, and he always sought out good churches for us."

At age 5, Martin asked Jesus Christ to be his savior.

"My Dad was involved in our family," Martin said. "He made opportunities to be with my two brothers and me. I was in sports, and he never missed one of my events. Because of his example, I knew what I would do when a neighbor's father died. I was there for them, and we formed a bond that endured. When he got into high school, I coached his football team."

Martin had great praise for his mother, too. He recalled that, when she didn't want him to see a



Dan Martin's second hour Christian education class at Minico High School is fun and very open, his students say. Pictured, from left, are Jennifer Flahar, Adam Frank, Amber Plant, teacher Martin, Sara Chaney, Jared M. Evans, Rochelle Jasso and Carey Garro.

Dracula movie that other kids were going to see, "she made a big day out of it. We went to town and then snorkeling. I had a great time, and I loved being with her."

His family provided a spiritual foundation, Martin said, and older men in the community disciplined him.

"We learned from their exam-

More Information

Christian education class sign-ups open at the beginning of every trimester to students interested in studying the Bible. For more information, see a school counselor or call Dan Martin at the Christian education building at 436-4600.

ples," Martin explained. "There were a group of us in junior high who were just bratty, but they stayed with us. They liked us, and in return, we grew to love them very quickly."

He continued, "I realized then that this is calling. Not everyone likes teen-agers. I love them. I love teaching them. You don't always get to see immediate results. You really have to trust the Lord and let God work in these kids' lives. My job is to teach, to be a good listener, to care."

Martin took over the Mini-Cassia job vacated by David Jansson, who had been teaching Christian education at Minico High School for 14 years when he

left, in February, to help design a new youth program at a church in Utah. The Christian education class is supported by the Mini-Cassia Ministerial Association and has had several teachers - some local pastors - since it began in 1986.

Martin currently has 58 students. He prepares the classroom for each group with contemporary Christian music, order and a chance for the students to share their concerns. Each class begins and ends with prayer.

Jennifer Fisher, 16, a junior, said she likes Christian ed. "I know I'm a Christian and I'm learning," she said. "We have fun and joke sometimes. The class isn't really formal. You can talk about whatever."

Martin said he works with a three-year curriculum - aimed toward using and understanding God's Word and what it means to live the Christian life in this culture.

He and his family are visiting churches in the Mini-Cassia area in search of a church home.

Religious right defies pundits, helps Republicans maintain majority

By Richard N. Ostling
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The religious right has not faded, as some pundits suggested before the election, but instead turned out voters who helped Republicans maintain their majority in the House, analysts say.

"It wouldn't be fair to say they're in the driver's seat but they're in the car, and grabbing the steering wheel from time to time," says Steve Benen, research coordinator with Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a group that opposes the Christian conservatives.

The religious right was "quietly working beneath the radar," said another critical group, People for

the American Way.

According to lists compiled by both friends and foes, here's the record for House candidates who had movement support:

- In contests for open seats, 18 won and three lost.
- Among incumbents, 70 won and two lost. (Movement efforts to defeat nine incumbent House members all failed.)

There were some setbacks for high-visibility Senate candidates backed by the movement:

- Though a half-dozen incumbents won, voters ousted Spencer Abraham in Michigan, Rod Grams in Minnesota and John Ashcroft in Missouri.

- In challenges against incumbents, George Allen of Virginia

won but there were defeats for Mack Mattingly in Georgia and William Redmond in New Mexico.

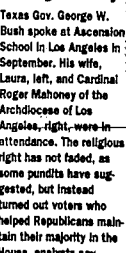
- In bids for open seats, Nevada's John Ensign won but Florida's Bill McCollum and Nebraska's Don Stenberg lost.

"The House membership has increasingly tended to reflect the religious composition of the constituency," observes Furman University political scientist James Guth. And many districts contain hefty numbers of conservative Protestant voters.

In the presidential race, Guth thinks the question is not why states like Arkansas, Tennessee and West Virginia abandoned Al Gore this time but "why were they so slow in turning



Republican? Nationwide exit polling showed 14 percent of voters labeled



themselves religious right members

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RELIGION

A day in the lives of Mormon missionaries

By Tara Dooley
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

COLLEEVILLE, Texas — From behind the den curtains, the two neatly dressed women who have appeared at the doorstep with books in hand are easily identified: missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

They are Sister Stacey Mueller, 22, of Portland, Ore., and Sister Jessica Beaton, 21, of Phoenix. For 18 months, these "sisters," companions in the missionary work of the Mormon church, will put in 14-hour days. They will leave family and friends at home even the simplest indulgences and travel to distant neighborhoods to introduce strangers to the beliefs that frame their lives.

On a recent Tuesday, this was the schedule in Colleyville and Hurst, Texas:

6:30 a.m.: Beaton and Mueller rise before the sun does; shower and dress. Their code of modesty — skirts that fall to mid-calf, tops that cover cleavage, conservative jewelry.

7:30 a.m.: Like every day, this one starts with a song and a prayer. Then, Beaton and Mueller polish their proselytizing and teaching skills. The women will present a potential new convert to the faith with six main principles. They will talk about God; Jesus Christ; God's plan as revealed to the prophets; Joseph Smith, who is considered the founder of the church; the Book of Mormon; and the Holy Ghost. And they must know their stuff.

8:30 a.m.: Mueller and Beaton study in silence. Then, they pray and read out the door. Rules require that they hit the road by about 9:30 a.m.

When Beaton announced that she wanted to go on a mission at a family wedding, the response was surprise, said Beaton's mother, Joan Plattenbush of Phoenix. "It wasn't because of her testimony or belief. It is just because of her personality. We all know her as a sweet, quiet thing."

Though she was raised in the

Latter-day Saints church, it was "never her favorite thing," Beaton said. But after being called to teach a young woman's class in her church, Beaton felt a greater leaning toward missionary work. Witnessing the change in her brother, Richard Beaton, after he returned from a mission also convinced her, she said. "The little things add up, and you know you are supposed to be here. It was something I couldn't deny."

10:05 a.m.: The duo bursts into the offices of the Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce, doling out hugs and hellos as they are charged with their duties for the day. Each missionary is required to perform a total of eight hours of service weekly, which can range from disaster relief to food-pantry restocking.

11:30 a.m.: Mueller and Beaton meet with the "Lunch Bunch," a group of women from the Colleyville Ward. At the restaurant, Mueller and Beaton head to the restroom together. The trip is grounded in a rule the two have promised to follow — they must always remain within earshot of each other. During the 18 months, Mueller and Beaton will also not watch TV or movies, read newspapers or listen to music other than classical music written before 1800 and music produced by the church.

1:10 p.m.: Mueller and Beaton return to the chamber to make signs and lead newsletters into a truck for delivery to the post office. Then it's off to 18-year-old Annie Brough's Bedford home to speak with her about her role as a church member in bringing converts to the faith. Mueller and Beaton encourage Brough to invite friends to church events but not to pressure young people to rebel against the wishes of their parents.

3:15 p.m.: Mueller and Beaton check in at their apartment. Beaton cues up instrumental versions of Mormon hymns on the mini-CD player before working the phones to set up appointments.

Unlike Beaton's path, the

desire to be a missionary tugged at Mueller since she was about 12, said her mother, Sandy Mueller of Portland. In the church, men are encouraged to take a two-year mission when they turn 19. Women can sign on at age 21, if they feel inspired. Currently, about 58,500 missionaries serve worldwide, and one in seven is a woman.

4:15 p.m.: Pamphlets, and copies of the Book of Mormon in hand, Mueller and Beaton take to Marsh Street for "field teaching," or knocking on doors. This trademark activity is not considered the most effective approach in reaching people, Mueller said. And this afternoon, many people are not at home. Presenting the tenets of the Mormon faith can be one of the most difficult of missionary duties — especially early, Beaton said. The LDS religion is your life, you are raised this way and you love it. For us it is like putting your life out there and saying, "Do you want it or not?"

5:30 p.m.: Beaton and Mueller are at church members' Roy and Diane Cammack's home for dinner, topped off with banana cream cake. Missionaries are allotted \$130 a month to cover food and items such as shampoo and detergent. This money is part of the \$375 a month each missionary pays to cover expenses. Beaton and Mueller took time off from college to raise the money.

7:40 p.m.: Mueller and Beaton arrive at a Fort Worth apartment complex for a teaching session with a recent convert. Then, it's on to the home of a church member in Euless who has not been to services recently. No luck. Beaton sticks a yellow note on the door.

8:50 p.m.: Mail is the highlight of the day. Except on Christmas and Mother's Day, missionaries are not allowed to call parents or friends. Beaton and Mueller save their trip to the mailboxes for the end of the day.

9 p.m.: The day ends like it begins: with song and prayer. Then there is some planning, some letter reading. Lights are out by 10:30 p.m.

Several Magic Valley area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve

• Elder Paul Burnett and Sister Marlene Burnett will serve as humanitarian missionaries in the Russia Vladivostok Mission. They will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 7th Ward chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N.

• Sister Jeanne Ratto will serve in the Mississippi Jackson Mission.

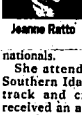


Paul and Marlene Burnett

She will speak at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Ward chapel, 222 Birch S. in Kimberly. Ratto graduated in 1998 as a co-valedictorian from Hansen High School, where she was in cross country and track and competed in nationals.

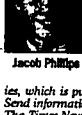
She attended the College of Southern Idaho, where she ran track and cross country and received an associates degree in secondary education.

She received a Young Womanhood Recognition Award and is the daughter of Joseph and Julie Ratto of Hansen.



Jeanne Ratto

Returned from serving
• Elder Jacob Phillips, son of Harrell Joe and Gloria Phillips of Rupert, served in the California Carlsbad Mission. He will speak at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 4th Ward chapel, 26 S. 100 W.



Jacob Phillips

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CHURCH NEWS

Nazarene missionary to speak Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Steve Doerr will speak at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N.



Steve Doerr

Doerr is a Nazarene missionary to Africa. He helps develop Nazarene churches and coordinate Compassion Ministries. His wife, Joanie, is Nazarene Communications Network News Editor for Africa.

Admission is free; child care is provided. For more information call 733-6610.

Liberty Southern Gospel Quartet to perform tonight

JEROME — The Liberty Southern Gospel Quartet will perform at 7 p.m. today at the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland. Members of the Boise-based group are Keith Jones, Royce

Mitchell, John Comer and Ralph Yerkes. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be taken. For more information, call 324-8143.

Nazarene Church plans Thanksgiving service

KIMBERLY — A Thanksgiving service featuring musician Johnny Ray Watson is planned for 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene. Pastor J. Pat Branch said he has ministered with Watson at military functions, pro football games, and at conferences and churches.

Episcopal Church holds Thanksgiving Eucharist

TWIN FALLS — The traditional Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ascension Episcopal Church.

Music will be provided by the Young Disciples, a group from Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Group members are Twin Falls High School students Katie Grill, Marcie Hatch and Hannah Heidenreich. Everyone is wel-

come. The Rite Stuff will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Sunday with the Rite Stuff Band.

Volunteers in Mission will assist in building a chapel

BUHL — Judy Anderson will leave this month to attend a 12-day conference-sponsored mission to Guatemala. BUHL Volunteers in Mission, will assist in building a chapel in Lemora, Guatemala. Group members also will visit orphanages and schools, distributing toiletries, school supplies and clothing.

The Buhl Methodist Church hosted a send-off luncheon on Nov. 3. In addition to money and donated supplies, Anderson was offered prayers for a safe journey.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tegan, The Times-News Bureau, 325 1/2 E. Fifth St., N. Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

School Board, ACLU tangle over prayer

DERIDDER, La. — The Louisiana affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union plans a federal lawsuit against the Beauregard Parish school board for allowing certain types of student prayers.

The district sent letters to parents asking permission for their children to participate in the disputed "Partners in Prayer for Schools" program, in which churches adopt classrooms and pray for their students. The ACLU responded when a parent objected.

The school board has also voted unanimously to allow "nonsectarian, non-proselytizing, student-initiated voluntary prayer" at school-related events. Many residents support public school prayer and opposed previous ACLU efforts.

School superintendent Myrna Cooley said the policy is based on an October decision by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that allowed students of DeKalb County, Ala., to lead prayers at school functions, as long as school officials did not participate.

Joe Cook, executive director of the Louisiana ACLU, said that ruling was "not settled law" and in any case applies only to schools within the 11th circuit.

Lutherans review ordination under Episcopal pact

CHICAGO — Clergy ordination

Religion in brief

rules that are part of a new unity pact between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be reconsidered, following questions by the national council of the 5.2 million-member Lutheran denomination.

The Lutheran-Episcopal pact requires that clergy be ordained in Episcopal fashion, by bishops in a line of "apostolic succession" traced back to the early church. Current Lutheran practice allows clergy to be ordained by lay fellow pastors to ordain, and some Lutherans insist that such exception continue.

The Lutheran news service said the council directed officials to consult Lutheran bishops and the Episcopalians about a plan allowing such exceptions, for action at the Lutheran convention next August.

The Lutheran national council also rejected a proposal to loosen its ban on clergy living in committed homosexual relationships.

The proposal, from the Lutherans' regional body in St. Paul, Minn., would have allowed exceptions to a 1990 policy against same-sex activity. While rejecting the request 23-5, the council endorsed ongoing "prayerful conversations" on the issue.

Armenian patriarch, pope pray together

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II and the patriarch of Armenian Orthodox believers prayed together as part of efforts to move their churches closer, and agreed on a possible papal visit to the Caucasus mountain nation. The service in St. Peter's Basilica also included a call for peace in the Middle East.

Garegin II, leader of the Armenian Apostolic Church, made a four-day visit. The pope had hoped to visit Armenia last year but the trip was postponed due to the death of the previous patriarch, Garegin I.

A joint communique said the two leaders "continue to pray for full and visible communion between us."

The statement mentioned the "Armenian genocide," a reference to 1915 killings of Armenians in Turkey.

Armenians say 1.5 million of their people were killed to force them out of eastern Turkey. Turkey says the death toll is inflated and that Armenians were killed or displaced to quell civil unrest.

There are about 10 million Armenians worldwide, most of them believed to be followers of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

— compiled from wire reports

Trust in Jesus to save you

In response to Mr. Bert Eames' opinion about God and preachers: It is unfortunate that you have been disillusioned by some preachers that, according to you, were simply money-grubbing crooks.

Now you say it is your mission in life to "proselytize" the world as to how corrupt and evil ministers of the gospel supposedly are — to reveal the truth as you see it. You have made quite clear your distaste for religion or people with a faith in God.

Does your crusade really serve any purpose but to put a bitter taste on your wounded soul? You continue to try to excuse yourself while accusing others, but on judgment day, all of your angry ranting will have been in vain. God will be the judge of us all, and I am quite sure an all-knowing God will be the final judge of our true intentions while we were here on earth.

For now, your time would be better spent considering what Jesus has done for you. He went to the cross to die for your sins and mine, and he longs for you to repent and come to him for he loves you!

Please ask Christ to be your personal savior. I will continue to pray for your salvation.

KRISTEN KECK
Wendell

Don't listen to false spirits

The Bible tells us that gods and devils are spirits. Even Jesus said God is a spirit. John 4:24, also John 16:13: Jesus said "when he the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth."

False spirits, also called devils, produce the public message to please them; even suicide bombers have been indoctrinated to believe they will be rewarded for their deeds after they die.

In the Bible, Ecclesiastes 9:10, it says: "let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." It doesn't hardly seem possible in this day and age with so much knowledge in the world that so many people are still divided by religion. The Middle East gives a good example of what religion does to some people.

WILLIAM HAFNER
Twin Falls

Not all preachers are villains

Response to letter by Bert Eames, Nov. 4: Bert, you paint with a broad brush, vilifying many. I know many Christian preachers who lovingly care for those under their ministry, motivated by love and commitment to Jesus Christ and his love for the people of the world.

Admittedly, there are "tares" among the wheat and "wolves" among the sheep. There's a time coming when these false

prophets will be exposed, suffering the consequences of their deception.

Bert, for you and other atheists, reflect on just a couple of things happening in your physical body as you read this letter. Think about the process taking place in your lungs as carbon dioxide is exchanged for oxygen. Then there's the built-in electrical regulation of your heartbeat. If either of these processes were significantly interrupted, you'd become alarmingly aware of it.

These "functions" quietly scream "intelligent design — creator." There is an awesome God behind the marvelous wonders of creation, whether you believe it or not. Many don't want to deal with this very apparent truth, so they deny it. Many others have decided to believe and have a living, active, loving relationship with God, motivating them to keep reaching out to and praying for the Bert Eameses of the world.

DUANE LUCHSINGER
Twin Falls

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Christian CD 'Words in Time' has a distinctive voice

By Patty Ringenberg
The Wichita Eagle

Russ Lee, "Words in Time" (Sparrow)

The former frontman for the popular Christian group Newsong, Russ Lee now breaks out on his own with one of the most distinctive voices in Christian music today. It's gutsy, sometimes aching and urgent, with a soulful quality that reflects a heartfelt call to spread the gospel. "Live What I Believe" is already a bit of a hit, and rightly so. It's a life-affirming rally cry to "stand for what is right, so that everyone can see, it's Jesus that they need."

"Free Fall" is another standout, a moving, reflective ballad in which Russ' voice really soars as he sings of diving into the arms of God and trusting Him with your life. "Get Down" is a fun, funky foot-tapper with a double meaning (as in get down on your knees and pray). Russ wrote all the songs on the album except for "The Living Years," the heart-wrenching late '80s hit originally

sung by Mike and the Mechanics. Although not a gospel song, its theme of regret for what the singer neglected to share with his

father during his "living years" fits in well with the album's theme of making every moment count.

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bers, and they gave George W. Bush lopsided support. The rest of the Republican religious coalition consisted of white majorities among white Protestants as a whole and among weekly worshippers of whatever faith, plus a slight edge among white Catholics — a once-Democratic bloc that is now a key swing vote.

Core scored with non-religious Americans (61 percent), Jews (79 percent) and the largely Protestant blacks (90 percent).

National organizations like Christian Coalition are declining, says Guth, but that's because the movement has become so important within the Republican Party.

Gary Bauer, the losing GOP presidential candidate who chaired the Campaign for Working Families PAC, says organizations come and go but "there's no sign that voters who decide in a significant way based on their faith values are becoming a smaller part of the electorate."

He contends that moral values were "the defining difference" in



Vice President Al Gore addressed a community Get-Out-The-Vote rally at Wesley Center African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Pittsburgh in early November.

this election. Religious conservatives were also active in state proposition campaigns.

California and Michigan soundly defeated proposals for private school vouchers, which the religious right supported.

Among issues conservatives opposed, Mitt Romney narrowly rejected legalizing doctor-assisted suicide, and gambling issues in various states had mixed results. Maine, Nebraska and Nevada showed conservatives' strength in the defeat of gay rights issues.

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Elisabeth Bauer, left, pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Evanville, Ind., and parishioners Betty Briel, Judy Allen and Eunice Harper make German coffeecakes as part of an annual church fundraiser. Bauer has received a Lilly Endowment grant to take a sabbatical next summer. A clergy renewal program funded and administered by the Indianapolis-based endowment provides up to \$30,000 annually to ministers to take sabbaticals focusing on relaxation.

Program fights minister burnout

By Kimberly Heffling
The Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Steve Thomas cherishes the decade he's spent as pastor of Walnut Hill Mennonite Church in Goshen, Ind. But he worries about the toll it has taken on his wife, kids and even himself.

"There's nothing I'd rather be doing than my work, but it's stressful and it's a burden on my family," Thomas said. "My children don't always get as much attention as I'd like them to."

So it was joyous event for Thomas and his kids — ages 6, 9, 11 — when he found out he had received a \$29,950 Lilly Endowment grant to take a few months off for a sabbatical beginning next summer. His family will tag along on some of his excursions that include tracing the apostle Paul's journeys in Turkey and Greece and exploring Mayan Indian ruins.

"My children were jumping up and screaming," Thomas said. "It was like we won the lottery."

A clergy renewal program funded and administered by the Indianapolis-based endowment provides up to \$30,000 annually to ministers to take a sabbatical focusing on relaxation. Part of the grant can be used to pay for

pastoral services for the congregation while the minister is away.

Over two years, 53 ministers have received grants for sabbaticals ranging from the exotic — studying the faith of the aboriginal people in New Zealand — to the more practical — visiting family in the Midwest. Until now, the recipients have been from Indiana. In December, the endowment is expected to add a similar program for pastors outside the state.

Ministers say the program addresses a problem many are reluctant to talk about: burnout for religious leaders.

"It's a huge problem, our denial about this," Thomas said. "We don't recognize the symptoms when they're happening and don't think ahead of time about what we really need."

Pastors commonly work long hours, often attending weekend and night meetings. They're there during the significant events in people's lives — deaths, births, marriages and times of sickness, but the emotional toll on the pastors is sometimes forgotten, said Richard J. Brueschhoff, co-author of the book "Clergy Renewal: The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning."

Other programs such as

SonScape Re-Creation Ministries in Colorado offer programs that provide a retreat for ministers. But the Lilly Endowment's clergy renewal program is different in that it expects the ministers to avoid too much structure and have a good time on sabbatical. The foundation, created in 1937 by members of the founding family of Eli Lilly and Co. and funded with stock in the pharmaceutical company, also promotes education and community development.

Some applicants find the concept of relaxing on sabbatical difficult to accept.

Elisabeth Bauer, pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Evanville, was rejected the first time she submitted an application to the program because it was focused on devoting her time to graduate studies. Bauer rewrote her application with plans to go on a Quaker retreat in Pennsylvania and take sailing classes with her family. This time, she was accepted.

Some of the ministers' congregations also use the sabbaticals to replenish themselves. At St. Peter's, the congregation is bringing in religious leaders from Jewish and Islamic faiths as well as some black churches to study diversity while Bauer is away.

offered the first public comment by a member of the hierarchy about the unsettled presidential election. He heads the diocese of Galveston-Houston.

Fennel said the bishops had given far more attention to Sudan and Middle East peace. Fiorenza said he prayed that the election "will be resolved as best for the common good of the nation." Once a new president is finally determined, he said, "the country will certainly come together and overcome personal prejudices."

Fiorenza also reported progress in implementing a new policy, approved last year, requiring theologians teaching at Catholic colleges and universities to seek the approval of their local bishops, in the form of a written mandatum that they are teaching "authentic Catholic doctrine."

According to Fiorenza, theologians are "understanding it better" and "a lot of their fears are being diminished."

could do now than to reconnect the material and spiritual and show that the two are in balance. St. Benedictine built the Benedictine order on the phrase "Prayer is work, and work is prayer." I think those 1,500-year-old words are worth digging up again.

When Jesus was asked, "What's the final exam going to be like?" his answer was not, "This is what you have to believe." His answer, as the principal teacher of the Western world, was, in effect, "This is the value of life: It's what you do with your mind, your heart, your hands: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bring Internet connectivity to the shut-ins."

We've got the tools to do it. We just seem to lack the will.

What things are you thankful for?

By Tom Schaefer
The Wichita Eagle

Thursday is Thanksgiving, a time to recall with gratitude the blessings each of us has. Here's what I encourage you to do this weekend or on Thanksgiving Day. List 10 things you're grateful for. Make them as personal as you can. Post them, if you like, in a place where you'll be reminded of them every day — by a bathroom mirror or on the refrigerator. Even if you do no more than draw up a list for the day, you'll discover that, despite whatever hardships or difficult situations you're facing, there are reasons to be grateful.

I'll get you started by listing 10 things I'm thankful for — and 10 related things I'm not grateful for:

1. I'm grateful for A loving, caring wife, Mary, two wonderful children, Jamil and Joel, and an extended family that is close.

2. I'm not grateful for Geographic distance that keeps many of us

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apart.

3. I'm grateful for: Freedom of religion and an enriching personal faith.

4. I'm not grateful for: Feuding factions in every religious group that undermine the true meaning of faith.

5. I'm grateful for: Resources to share with those who are in need here and around the world.

6. I'm not grateful for: A reluctance to share even more of what I have with others.

7. I'm grateful for: Tasty meals and table fellowship.

8. I'm not grateful for: Eating too much of a tasty meal and paying the price.

9. I'm grateful for: Rekindling a talent: playing the alto saxophone.

10. I'm not grateful for: Abandoning the talent 40 years ago.

11. I'm grateful for: Co-workers

who give their best and make work enjoyable.

12. I'm not grateful for: Business cycles and managerial policies that damage morale.

13. I'm grateful for: Freedom to vote.

14. I'm not grateful for: Dueling presidential candidates, both of whom show a lack of statesmanship.

15. I'm grateful for: Teachers and professors who pushed me to excel when I wanted to slough off.

16. I'm not grateful for: Sloughing off more than I should have.

17. I'm grateful for: The thrill of sporting events and the competition of gifted players.

18. I'm not grateful for: Overpaid and arrogant athletes.

19. I'm grateful for: Another day to make a difference.

20. I'm not grateful for: Not always making a difference.

Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

Baptists debate new faith statement

By Phillip Rawls
The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A new Southern Baptist statement of faith saying the Bible is without error and women shouldn't be sharply divided on whether the rift over the church's conservative shift will ever be healed.

After Alabama Baptists overwhelmingly affirmed the new creed Wednesday, several of 1,200 delegates got up and walked out.

"These people are not Baptists. The Baptists are leaving," Mary Goodhue of Huntsville said as she left.

The new Baptist Faith and Message was passed by the Southern Baptist Convention — America's largest Protestant denomination, with 15.8 million members — in June.

Some 2,000 Louisiana Baptists passed a resolution supporting the creed by 252 votes. The day-long fight was so exhausting that the delegates left before the end of official business, which included a proposal to bar church members from attending Mardi Gras.

"Sometimes you just get worn out and want to go home," said convention president Tommy French, a Baton Rouge pastor.

Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and North Carolina Baptists were among others who voted in favor of the creed this week.

Kentucky's Baptists elected a self-described "compromise" as their new president by a close margin and a formed a committee to study whether to take up the statement, effectively tabling the issue.

South Carolina Baptists left the issue off their agenda entirely.

Funeral guide offers advice for mourners

The Dallas Morning News

"Remembering Well: Rituals for Celebrating Life and Mourning Death," by Sarah York (Jossey-Bass, 215 pages, \$20). York, a Harvard-trained Unitarian Universalist minister, has assembled a guide to help mourners plan a funeral or memorial service.

The guide seeks to reach people who have been dissatisfied with the rituals of mourning provided by society and religious traditions.

York offers well-thought-out ways for personalizing rituals in a way that may be meaningful for survivors because they are faithful to the values of the deceased.

The guide is full of stories and provides an array of practical and spiritual insights on the difficult decisions that people encountering grief must face. Anyone interested in honoring the dignity of the dead will find this guide useful, including families, clergy, funeral professionals and health-care providers.

—Susan Hogan/Albion

Bishops call for immigration overhaul

By Glen Eklasser
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — U.S. Catholic bishops urged Congress Thursday to overhaul immigration laws and policies that deny basic human rights and endanger lives.

At the end of their annual fall meeting, the bishops unanimously approved a resolution calling on Catholics and "citizens of good will" to challenge the nation's treatment of immigrants, regardless of their legal status.

"Immigrant families are being torn apart because members are being jailed without the benefit of a hearing," said Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Camden, N.J., the chairman of the panel that drafted the document.

Government policies deny legal immigrants welfare benefits that enable them to purchase basic necessities, he said, while increased enforcement along the U.S. border with Mexico has

resulted in the deaths of 600 people crossing the border in the last three years.

Underlining the church's concern for immigrants, the resolution targeted 1996 immigration and welfare laws, which also limit protections for asylum seekers.

The resolution also backed more opportunities to gain legal status for undocumented immigrants, a system geared to family reunification; repeal of mandatory detention of immigrants and alternative programs for women and children; and release from detention for immigrants who complete their sentences but are still detained because their country of origin will not accept their return.

At the advent of a new Congress and a new administration, the document stated, "now is a good time to re-evaluate our nation's laws and policies."

In meeting with reporters, Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, the president of the bishops' group,

Tech guru: Web will draw religious together

By Richard Scheinin
San Jose Mercury News

We're stressed for success, says technology guru Tom Mahon. We're getting richer, he adds, but are we any happier?

Mahon has been writing about technology for a quarter century, and he doesn't shy away from the big questions. What is the role of religion in a technical society? Can science lead to truth? How do we pursue the golden mean in a "silicon society"?

Mahon, who was raised Irish-Catholic in St. Paul, Minn., preaches on the need to reconnect technological capability with moral responsibility. He is the author of 1980's "The Fandango Involvement," the

first novel set in Silicon Valley, and is working to establish Engineers Without Frontiers, which would allow engineers to help needy communities via the Internet.

QUESTION: Is there a place for religion in a technical world? ANSWER: If religion is going to be relevant, it's going to be relevant in a way that stands apart from the world and critiques it — if it prefers to see itself as focused only on the immortal, it'll survive. But it will be increasingly a cultural dead end. It will no longer have the vigor and the vitality to really comment-toe-pointing fingers and to point the way, as it once did. The real meaning of religion is "reconnect," and I don't think there's anything more important that religion

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Casino sale results in loss for Ameristar

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JACKPOT, Nev. — A major Magic Valley employer Friday reported record companywide revenues for the third quarter, and higher income than a year ago at its Jackpot gaming operations, but said the sale of a Las Vegas-area property means it will post a per-share loss of \$1.81

for the quarter.

Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. said it earned record net revenues of \$86.6 million in the third quarter — representing \$9 million in revenue growth, or 11.6 percent, compared with net revenues of \$77.6 million for third quarter 1999.

Net revenues for the nine months ending Sept. 30 were also a record, at \$254.2 million, 12.7

percent above the \$223.9 million for the corresponding period in 1999.

Ameristar attributed the strong performance to improved market share at three of its properties. Ameristar Council Bluffs continued to be the leading producer of gaming revenue among all Iowa riverboats in the third quarter, Ameristar Vicksburg remained the central Mississippi

gaming revenue market leader for the 22nd consecutive quarter, and The Reserve in Henderson, Nev., improved its market share, Ameristar said.

Revenue growth, it said, is primarily the result of casino and parking expansions at the Iowa and Mississippi properties, companywide introduction of new technology slot machines and

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Idaho spud group plans meeting with USDA

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Idaho growers don't want all their potatoes ending up on the dinner table, and they want the government's help. Representatives from Blackfoot-based Potato Growers of Idaho and grower associations from Oregon, California, Colorado, Wisconsin and Maine are scheduled to discuss a potato diversion program with Mike Dunn, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's assistant secretary of marketing and regulatory programs, Monday in Washington, D.C., the Blackfoot group said Friday. "There appears to be strong support among growers from throughout the U.S. for a program that will help divert the surplus in this year's crop to non-food uses," Potato Growers of Idaho spokesman John Thompson said in a statement. "The grower groups hope a diversion will be effective in moving the surplus out of traditional food channels to encourage a moderate price increase."

"It is further expected that a diversion will get rid of the surplus so that it does not carry over to next year and continue to burden the market," he said.

The surplus wasn't created solely by an acreage increase, the Idaho potato group said.

In Idaho in 1999, growers planted 403,000 acres of potatoes and harvested an average yield of 295 hundredweight per acre. This year, 413,000 acres were planted — a 2.5 percent increase. But because of an exceptionally mild growing season and various new crop-protection tools, production skyrocketed to 369 hundredweight per acre, Potato Growers of Idaho said.

"The role of government is well established in administering relief and moderating the effects of natural and local disasters such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, drought and other acts of nature that

cause undue hardship, disrupt the economy or cause pain and suffering," Thompson's statement said. "This oversupply of potatoes in Idaho and the nation is just such a disaster."

According to Potato Growers of Idaho, the state's congressional offices are reporting a steady stream of correspondence from growers, and the industry group encouraged producers to keep the pressure on.

A diversion program could pay growers about \$2 per hundredweight for their surplus spuds, and possibly include tops from seed growers. If the USDA approves the program, there will be a market for the surplus.

Idaho is insisting that any diversion will be only for nonfood uses to keep the 2000 surplus from affecting next year's market.

It's working very well," said Marilyn Wright, a franchisee who runs six high-volume restaurants in the Chicago area. "But some don't have their ducks in order. They have to spend a little more time in training and positioning their people."

Indeed, the company is working with restaurants to fine-tune the execution of Made For You. For instance, the company recommends that during high-traffic periods a crew member be dedicated to cooking French fries.

Some franchisees also are experiencing the company's winding line in front of the counter instead of McDonald's more common multiple lines extending back from the cash registers. "I think the single-line service made itself to Made For You better than the traditional set-up because you can capture the orders quicker," said Art Sandoval, who owns eight restaurants in Denver.

Tests of different service approaches are continuing by the end of the year, Feldman said. He added, "We will shortly find ways to provide our customers the outstanding service they want inside the restaurants."

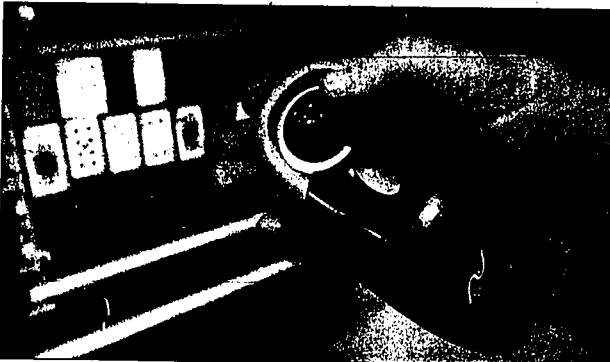
Comdex proves light on tangible technology

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — With wall-to-wall prototypes and plenty of buzz about Bluetooth wireless technology and mobile Web access, Comdex 2000 was unmistakably light on tangible new products for the here and now.

If nothing else, the annual technology extravaganza heralded the arrival of the mobile Internet appliance, an overgrown handheld computer shaped like a writing tablet, equipped with a touchscreen and a wireless connection.

Other noteworthy offerings included a new palmtop computer based on the Linux operating system, a simple software kit to connect older Palm devices to the Internet via cell phone and a powerful, portable hard drive that can store 6 gigabytes of digital music, photos or computer data files.



The Navigata VX3 from Touch Controls Inc. is shown at Comdex this week in Las Vegas. The device is a wireless trackball that can be used on a mouse pad or held in the hand.

National Semiconductor made perhaps the biggest splash of the show in its debut as consumer-oriented company. The venerable chipmaker, borrowing a page from the "Intel Inside" handbook, was showing off a "WebPAD" line of machines based on its Geode Gx1 processor made by Honeywell, Samsung and Ericsson.

Large crowds gathered initially at the National Semiconductor pavilion, where they could play with several models and get a glimpse at some further-off prototypes.

The first WebPAD to hit the market, launched a month ago, was Honeywell's \$995 WebPAD Internet Appliance, which connects to a base station in the

home or office via HomeRF, short-range radio technology that competes with Bluetooth. While the Honeywell version can be used for basic organizing and Web browsing functions, the company envisions it as the central control for various systems such as lighting, entertainment,

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Low profits send Starbucks back to beans

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — Starbucks this week reported its strong fourth-quarter profit was nearly erased by a \$58.8 million write-off in Internet start-up investments. The Seattle company said it Magic Valley operations and it would rechannel its energies into what made it the largest specialty-coffee retailer in North America.

Important to recognize what the company has learned from this experience," Chief Financial Officer Michael Casey told analysts. "I can assure you our innovation will continue, but we are totally refocused on our core business (selling specialty coffee). We will pursue only those opportunities that will complement our core operations."

When the \$58.8 million write-off is excluded, Starbucks' profit for the quarter was \$43.8 million, or 22 cents a share, in line with Wall Street's expectations. But with the write-off, it fell to \$1.5 million, or a penny a share. Profit in the year-earlier period was \$32.4 million, or 17 cents a share. Sales were \$582 million, up 32 percent from \$475 million in the same quarter last year, which had an extra week.

For the year, the company had profit of \$94.6 million, or 49 cents a share, on sales of \$2.3 billion. Excluding the write-off, profit was \$137 million, or 71 cents a share. In fiscal 1999, which had 53 weeks, Starbucks earned \$102 million, or 54 cents a share, on sales of \$1.6 billion.

Sales at stores open 13 months or longer rose 10 percent in the fourth quarter ended Oct. 1 and

9 percent for the year, when compared with the same 52-week period in fiscal 1999.

The non-cash write-off Starbucks took in the fourth quarter involved four companies: Living.com, Talk City, Cooking.com and Kozmo.com. The company wrote off all of its \$20.6 million investment in Living.com and most (\$38.2 million) of the money it had invested in the other three.

That put Starbucks' outstanding investment in Internet companies at \$4.8 million. Company executives said if there were a future charge, it would not affect next year's earnings, which are anticipated to be 90 to 92 cents a share.

Both Casey and Chairman Howard Schultz said they had underestimated the company's growth potential as a specialty-

coffee retailer. They vowed to concentrate on that by opening at least 1,100 new stores next year. The company had 3,501 stores in North America and abroad as of Oct. 1. When an analyst asked how a downturn in the economy might affect Starbucks, Schultz said that while people will almost certainly cut back on their spending on big-ticket items such as cars and new homes, they won't give up their daily grind.

"In 20 years, I have never seen a downturn affect our business in any significant way," said Schultz.

Starbucks also said it lowered its operating costs in the final quarter by reducing the amount it spends on wages and benefits. Company officials said they accomplished that through efficiencies.

McDonald's cooking system gets luke-warm reviews

Chicago Tribune

A year into McDonald's Corp.'s much-publicized overhaul of its kitchens, customers sometimes face a new, somewhat tradeoff: hotter, fresher food, but longer waits at the counter.

For a company that has long prided itself on quick service, it's an embarrassing problem. In fact, the Oak Brook, Ill.-based fast-food chain has only recently acknowledged the service delays after refuting earlier media reports that its "Made For You" cooking system was causing longer lines at peak times such as lunch.

"Our service at the front counter has not been going as smooth as we would have wanted," said Alan D. Feldman, president of McDonald's USA, in a recent interview.

But management insists that Made For You, which allows patrons to customize their orders, is only partially to blame for slowing service in restaurants. Company officials say restaurants need to work on executing the system, such as figuring out how to best deploy restaurant crews.

Nevertheless, McDonald's is

scrambling to come up with ways to speed up front-counter service, including lining customers up in a single queue and preparing some food in advance of peak hours.

The kitchen makeover was the centerpiece of a massive \$1.2 billion investment to jumpstart sales at the burger giant's 12,700 U.S. restaurants. Before the makeover, burgers prepared in advance sat under heat lamps in bins.

McDonald's so-called "brand reinvention program" also included spruced-up restaurants and new menu offerings. The company is telling consumers advertising campaign, featuring the tagline "We love to see you smile."

But the improvements haven't immediately registered with consumers. Through the first nine months of 2000, sales at U.S. restaurants are up 3 percent to \$14.7 billion. U.S. systemwide sales rose 5 percent in 1999.

In the third quarter, U.S. same-store sales at McDonald's grew about 2 percent, according to analysts. By comparison, same-store sales at Wendy's U.S. company restaurants rose 2.8 percent

in the quarter. McDonald's growth combined with international currency woes has made it a tough year for McDonald's investors.

To be sure, there are encouraging signs. Company research shows that consumer perceptions of McDonald's fare are improving. Some new products, such as breakfast bagel sandwiches and McShaker salads, are hits. And the "smile" commercials seem generally well-liked, especially by women and African Americans, according to USA Today's Ad Track survey.

While it's hard to say whether the longer lines are driving away business, the delays are a telling signal that there are still kinks to be worked out of the Made For You system.

"I wouldn't make it the Holy Grail of domestic challenges," said Peter Oakes, an analyst at Merrill Lynch. "But they could definitely use some attention to that."

McDonald's is not alone. Faster service is a pressing issue for the fast-food industry because hard-core consumers want everything at Internet speed. Indeed, consumer expectations may be impossible to meet, suggest

restaurant industry consultants.

"No matter how fast you make it, it's not fast enough," said Ron Paul, president of the Chicago-based market research firm Technomic Inc.

Quick-service chains have been focused on improving drive-through speed because almost 65 percent of fast-food revenue comes through the window. McDonald's does about 60 percent of its business at the drive-through, analysts said.

Ironically, Made For You has helped McDonald's drive-through performance, Feldman said, by streamlining order processing and sandwich assembly. The chain has trimmed its average drive-through time by about 40 seconds to 130 seconds, the lowest in three years, according to McDonald's internal research.

At the front counter, however, customers are finding that Made For You tends to extend the wait at lunch and other high-traffic parts of the day. McDonald's declined to disclose its most recent, front-counter service times.

Some franchisees say the problem is overblown and that there is nothing wrong with the new cooking system. "In my situation,

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

IRS has unclaimed checks for Idahoans

TWIN FALLS — Waiting for a check that never came?

The Internal Revenue Service said it's hoping to deliver tax refunds to 371 Idaho taxpayers but can't find them because of incorrect or outdated addresses. The IRS said refund checks totaling \$185,724 were returned by the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable.

Refunds for as little as \$1 and as much as \$13,649 are waiting to be claimed by Idaho taxpayers. The average refund for Idaho is \$501. Nationally, \$67.4 million is waiting to be claimed by more than 90,000 taxpayers.

Why don't refund checks reach taxpayers in the first place? Some people move and don't give the IRS their new addresses. Some provide incorrect or incomplete addresses. Others don't write their addresses legibly on their returns.

"A good way to be sure to get your refund is to file electronically and have your return deposited directly to your bank account," the IRS said in a statement.

Also, notify the IRS when you move by completing Form 8822, "Change of Address." The form is available by calling 1-800-829-3676 or online at www.irs.gov.

If you didn't receive an expected IRS tax refund, call the IRS toll-free assistance line at 1-800-829-1040.

Idaho Power declares quarterly dividends

BOISE — Directors of Idaho Power Co. declared quarterly dividend on 4 percent preferred stock of \$1 per share, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record at the close of business Jan. 15.

The directors also declared dividend on 7.68 percent preferred stock, first series, \$100 par value, of \$1.92 per share, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 25.

Directors also declared dividend on 7.07 percent serial preferred stock, without par value, of \$1.76750 per share, payable February 20 to holders of record Jan. 25.

Micron Electronics to hold shareholders' meeting

NAMPA — Micron Electronics Inc. will hold its annual shareholders' meeting Monday.

Joel J. Koehler, chairman and chief executive officer, and Jim Stewart, senior vice president and chief financial officer, are scheduled to make appearances at the shareholders' meeting, which starts at 9 a.m. Monday at Nampa Civic Center, 311 Third St. S. in Nampa.

A live webcast will be broadcast at <http://about.microncorp.com/financialreports.html>, and a replay will be available at that address through the month of December, the company said.

Money section submission deadline changes for holiday

TWIN FALLS — Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, The Times-News next week will change its deadline for submission of news items to print in the Sunday Money section's YourBusiness column.

For the Nov. 25 edition the deadline for YourBusiness submissions will be noon on Tuesday.

The following week, the deadline will return to the customary noon on Thursday.

Compiled from staff reports

MORNING BREAK

Egyptian beer predates the pyramids

Egyptian beer is older than Egyptian pyramids.

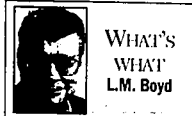
Making antique quill pens was a little more complicated than most know very much when they were boiled and baked, sort of like bagels, but not exactly.

The Japanese invented comic books.

Q. Is there a funeral home in California's Beverly Hills? A. Certainly not. And no cemetery, either. They don't do that sort of thing in Beverly Hills.

Those hollow bones of birds are cross-braced inside. Like ladder rungs, sort of.

It was only five years before he died that Abraham Lincoln grew



WHAT'S
WHAT
L.M. Boyd

that beard.

Today's scientists still don't know about all the stars, but among those they do recognize, two-thirds are paired, each in a pair pretty close to the same size as the other, revolving each around the other.

Q. What were the first want ads?

A. Signs posted on walls. In ancient Egypt. About runaway slaves.

In Japan, the typist is a much-respected specialist. Learning to keyboard the Japanese language is a lengthy painstaking study.

Q. What makes popcorn salt different?

A. Finer grind. Dissolves more quickly.

Q. Why do snapping turtles snap?

A. They can't withdraw their heads into their shells - unlike other turtles - so they developed another defense.

Primitive liquor drinkers thought their hangovers were

brought on by evil spirits of a more ethereal character, so they hanged on their mugs before quaffing off the juice, expecting the noise to drive away the sickening demons. It was this worldly nod to unworldly nonsense that descended eventually to our custom of clinking glasses in a toast.

A lynx caught in a trap will jump once but only once to try to get free, according to the wildlifers.

A nimble-fingered grape picker in a nine-hour day can fill 90 boxes with more than a ton of grapes. So says a reporter in the vine country of Upstate New York.

Birthday today? You possess secret of universal appeal

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omar

IF NOVEMBER 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You possess secret of universal appeal. You are dedicated, creative, romantic. Aries, Libra persons play major roles in your life. Before November is finished, you make serious domestic adjustment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Major request will be granted. Written word important, get impressions on paper. Your dream could open doorway to future. Virgo represented.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be ultra-sensitive to sound. You'll hear the sound of your own voice. You could change residence or marital status. Libra plays unusual role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid trying to do too much simultane-

aneously. Whispered words are romantic, but get it in writing! Define terms, check real estate opportunity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Mean business! Let others know you are not playing "let's pretend." You could be involved in important financial transaction. Money changes hands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cycle high, you will be at right place at crucial moment. Open lines of communication. Deal with one in foreign land. Aries appears at last minute.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Highlight original thoughts. Make fresh start in new direction. You will feel excited but it might not be true love. Protect self from temptation of fantasy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your kind of day. People tell you, "You belong in politics, public service." Home and marriage figure prominently. Cancer, Capricorn persons play leading roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Light touch wins; laugh and make others laugh with you. People rely upon you for leadership. Accept your financial burden lifted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Rewrite, review, rebuild. Don't accept status quo. Take cold plunge into future. You are get-

ting close to top. Don't stop now, progress can be remarkable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 19-Jan. 19): Some accuse you of being in playground of the occult. Be ready for sudden notice of change. Have alternatives at hand. Flirtation is getting serious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stay close to home if possible. You'll receive gift, luxury item. Be gracious, not obsequious. Music will figure in scenario. Taurus, Libra persons play roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): People talk about and interview you. Deception could be involved, protect reputation. Don't tell all, don't confide or confess. Virgo and another Pisces figure prominently.

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67-year-old novelist wins National Book Award

NEW YORK (AP) - With Steve Martin serving as master of ceremonies, the National Book Awards felt just a little bit like the Academy Awards. They felt even more so when Susan Sontag, the very image of the serious-minded author, won the prize for fiction.

"To say I'm astonished is an understatement," said the 67-year-old Sontag, who didn't pretend not to enjoy the award, or to say she expected it. "I'm really more moved than I could say."

Oscar winners like to joke that they rarely win for their best work; many would say the same about "In America," the novel that brought Sontag her first \$75,000 Wednesday night.

Based on the life of the 19th century stage performer Helena

Modjeska, "In America" was Sontag's first novel since the acclaimed 1992 best seller "The Volcano Lover." Although highly anticipated, the new book spent little time on best-seller lists and received a number of negative reviews. The New York Times' Michiko Kakutani labeled it "a banal, flat-footed narrative."

Sontag, author of such influential nonfiction works as "Against Interpretation" and "Illness as Metaphor," was also criticized for the untried territory of passages from other sources.

But novelist Ron Hansen, chair of the NBA fiction committee, praised "In America" as the "heart and majesty" of American writing in 2000. In a post-ceremony press conference,

Sontag said she was too "squeamish" to read reviews and questioned their value.

"I often feel that I really know better than what's wrong than any reviewer does," she said.

Other fiction finalists included Joyce Carol Oates' "Blonde," based on the life of Marilyn Monroe; Francine Prose's "Blue Angel"; and Charles Baxter's "The Feast of Love." Alan Lightman was nominated for "The Diagnosis."

Also Wednesday, the nonfiction award went to Nathaniel Philbrick for "The Heart of the Sea," the story of the whaling ship tragedy that inspired Herman Melville's "Moby-Dick." Runners-up included 92-year-old Jacques Barzun, author of the 800-page best seller "From

Down to Decadence," and Patrick Tierney, author of the much-debated anthropological investigation "Darkness in El Dorado."

The poetry prize went to Lucille Clifton for the compilation "Blessing the Boats," and the young people's literature award went to Gloria Whelan for "Homeless Bird," the story of a girl in India married and widowed at age 13.

Ray Bradbury, best known for the futuristic novel "Fahrenheit 451" and the science fiction classic "The Martian Chronicles," received an honor "vital medal."

The awards are sponsored by the National Book Foundation, a nonprofit organization. Winners receive \$10,000, other finalists \$1,000.

Rosie O'Donnell to relaunch magazine

NEW YORK (AP) - In the beginning, there was Martha. Then came Oprah, and now Rosie.

Rosie O'Donnell became the latest star to expand her media reach with a deal to relaunch the 125-year-old woman's magazine McCall's.

O'Donnell will become editorial director of Rosie's McCall's, to hit newsstands next spring.

The boisterous talk show host announced the joint venture between her production company, Kiro Productions, and McCall's publisher Gruner and Jahr on Thursday.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

O'Donnell said the new McCall's would be "less spiritual than Oprah's magazine, more pragmatic than Martha Stewart's, and with my annoying, Democratic political agenda somewhere in the middle."

The Oprah Magazine has become a hit since being launched this summer, while Stewart has built a thriving media portfolio with magazines, TV shows, books, radio programs and a Web site.

O'Donnell has the advantage of joining an already successful magazine with a circulation of 4.2 million.

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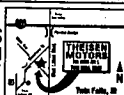
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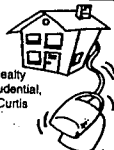
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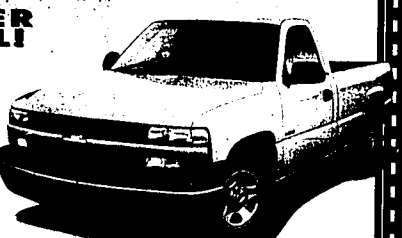
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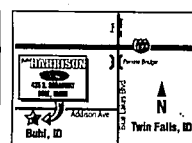
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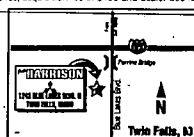
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